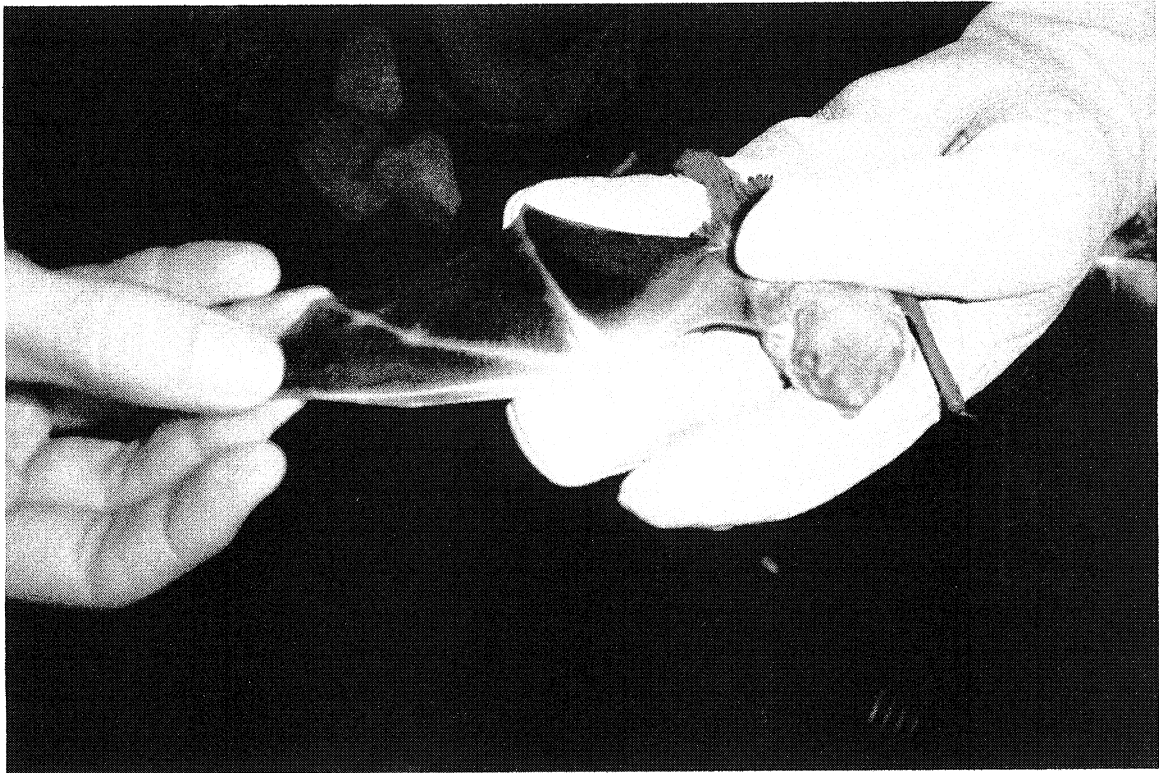


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SUMMARY

Bat Conservation International (BCI) was contracted by the Los Compadres [Friends group of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (SAAN)] to conduct a bat inventory at SAAN. This effort involved a literature review, direct capture of bats, acoustic bat surveys and day-time roost surveys. The literature review identified 6 species that may potentially occur at SAAN throughout the summer period; *Myotis velifer* (cave myotis), *Pipistrellus subflavus* (Eastern pipistrelle), *Lasiurus borealis* (Eastern red bat), *Lasiurus intermedius* (Northern yellow bat), *Tadarida brasiliensis* (Mexican free-tailed bat), and *Nycticeius humeralis* (evening bat), and one species, *Lasiurus cinereus* (hoary bat), only likely to occur during the spring/fall migration period. Efforts by BCI biologists through September 2002 documented three of these species at two different sites, including a new record for the evening bat for Bexar County. Bats captured at Padre Park and Mission San Juan sites included eight evening bats, one red bat and four northern yellow bats. Additional acoustic monitoring further documented *Lasiurus borealis* at Espada Dam, and *Tadarida brasiliensis*, *Lasiurus borealis*, *Lasiurus cinereus*, and *Nycticeius humeralis* at Rancho de las Cabras. All but *Lasiurus borealis* are new county records for Wilson County. Thus the checklist to date is five of the seven anticipated species, as follows:

Lasiurus intermedius -Northern yellow bat
Nycticeius humeralis - evening bat
Lasiurus borealis -Eastern red bat
Lasiurus cinereus - hoary bat
Tadarida brasiliensis - Mexican free-tailed bat

The Alamo Area Chapter of the Master Naturalists assisted BCI biologists with the mistnetting effort and conducted acoustic surveys at SAAN identifying bat activity "hot spots". Mission San Juan demonstrated consistently high bat activity, and the majority of bats were netted there, suggesting this would be a valuable site to monitor in the future.

Copies of all data sheets are provided as Appendix 1.

INTRODUCTION

The National Park Service (NPS) has set an objective of documenting the presence of at least 90% of all animal species occurring within a park unit's boundaries. To reduce costs, the NPS inventory program will cluster individual park units so that data can be collected at several locations simultaneously. It is intended that the data for all park units will be collected in accordance with clearly defined protocols. SAAN is considered part of the Gulf Coast network of the NPS system in Texas. The bat inventory at SAAN sponsored by Los Compadres is a part of the NPS-wide inventory project. BCI was contracted by Los Compadres on 7 June 2002 to

conduct a baseline inventory of bat species on SAAN sites. This involved the compilation of existing information as well as the collection of new information.

Due to their unique ecological features, bats present a unique challenge to those attempting to sample them in the field. Bats are volant, highly mobile, often colonial, and only active at night. They show considerable variation in their use of areas on a daily and seasonal basis, they tend to be clumped in suitable roost or foraging sites rather than being uniformly distributed, and they tend to avoid repeated trapping. In searching for an NPS standard protocol for surveying bats in individual park units, only one monitoring protocol was found on the NPS Inventory & Monitoring Protocol Database as a source reference. This is for Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (OPCNM), Arizona. This was written in 1995 based on information gathered in 1993 (Petryszyn 1995). It is now very out of date (Walsh, pers comm.). It does not reference the use of bat detector technology for surveys, and it does not give standard sampling effort guidelines. Due to the lack of a clear protocol, project leaders Meg Goodman, State Bat Coordinator for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and BCI, and Jim Kennedy, Cave Resources Specialist at BCI, developed an approach in consultation with Dr. Allyson Walsh, Conservation Science Director at BCI. The approach followed the guidelines set out in the OPCNM protocol (including the use of standard data collection forms for bat captures), with the addition of heterodyne bat detector surveys. The sampling effort level was determined by balancing recommendations gleaned from the most recent literature with logistical and budgetary constraints.

This report summarizes the efforts throughout the survey season, presents some simple management recommendations based on the survey results, and concludes with recommendations for a standard bat inventory and monitoring protocol.

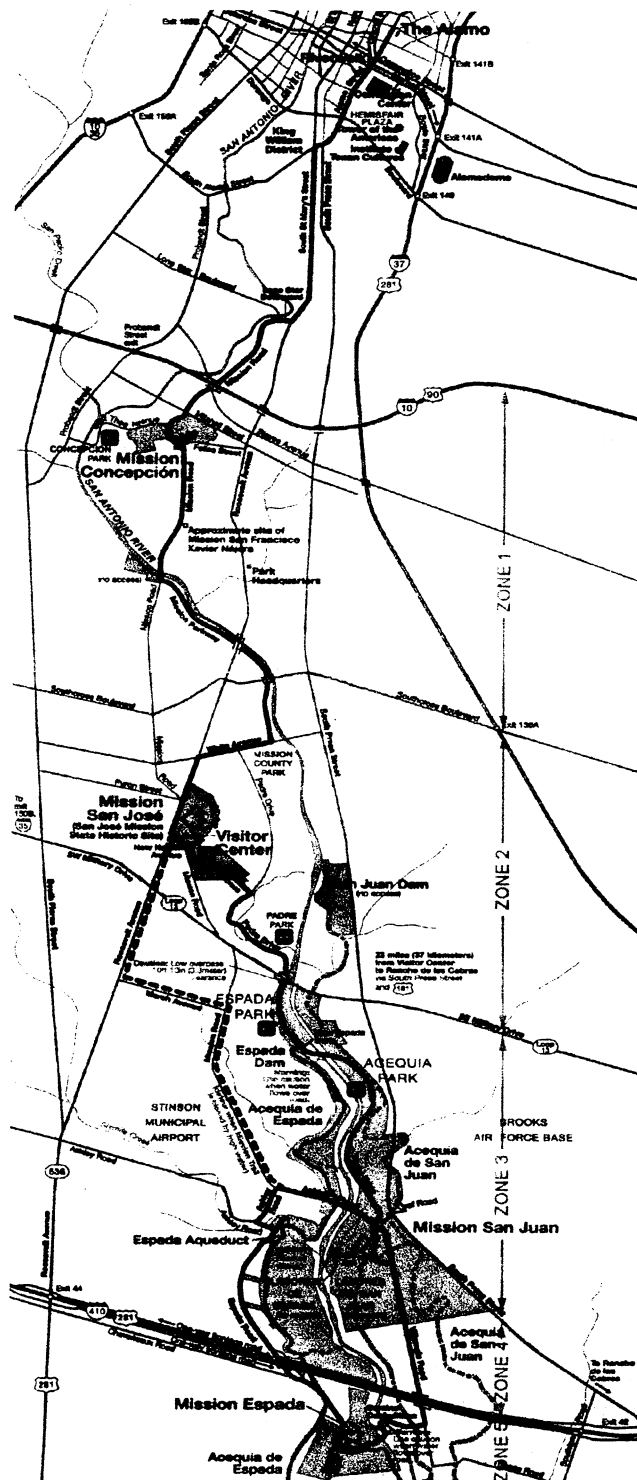
METHODS

Survey area — SAAN is made up of four closely situated missions in Bexar County, Texas and one disjunct site (Rancho de Las Cabras) near Floresville, Wilson County. All sites in Bexar County are relatively uniform, consisting of habitat aggregations of parkland enclosing sections of the San Antonio River, historic acequias (irrigation ditches), various separated small woodlots and old fields. The Wilson County site is more diverse consisting of open fields and low-lying deciduous woodlands along the San Antonio River and associated Picos Creek. For the purposes of estimating sampling effort – these sites were therefore considered as one survey unit. However, in order to clearly divide the survey area into units of a suitable size for single night surveys, we divided the survey area into 6 zones. These are defined clearly in Figure 1 as well as described below to enable accurate repeat surveys to be conducted in the future.

Zone 1 includes the SAAN management properties between I-10/US 90 southward to Southcross Boulevard. Mission Concepción and the Park Headquarters are included within Zone 1.

Zone 2 includes the areas of SAAN between Southcross Boulevard and Military Drive. Mission San José, Padre Park and San Juan Dam are included within Zone 2.

Zone 3 includes the areas of SAAN between Military Drive and Ashley Road/South Presa Street. Espada Park, Acequia Park and Espada Dam are included within Zone 3.



Zone 4 includes the areas of SAAN between Ashley Road/South Presa Street and I-410/US 281. Mission San Juan and Espada Aqueduct are included within Zone 4.

Zone 5 includes the areas of SAAN south of I-410/US 281. Mission Espada is included within Zone 5.

Zone 6 is located near Floresville, Wilson County, Texas. Rancho de las Cabras is the only site included within Zone 6.



Figures 1 and 2. Bat Survey Zones 1 through 6. Map based on SAAN park brochure

Bat sampling design and survey effort — Principle sampling methods for bats applied were evening capture by mist net and harp trap following standard set procedures (Kunz and Kurta 1988). These were supplemented with

daytime visual surveys of potential roosts and evening acoustic bat activity surveys using heterodyne and ANABAT bat detectors.

Original survey effort targeted 6 to 11 nights of trapping spread between all zones within the park where trapping methods were appropriate. Some zones were not netted at due to the unsuitability of the habitat for netting. More survey effort was placed on the more productive zones (Weller and Zabel 2001). Survey effort in 2003 focused on acoustic detection using ANABAT detectors.

Literature Review — Prior to fieldwork, a background literature review was conducted to identify any previous bat monitoring efforts and/or for bat specimen records in the area. Records searched included specimens recorded in The Bats of Texas (Schmidly 1991), records reported to BCI's Range Map Project (A. England, pers. comm.), records reported to the TPWD Biological Conservation Database, and records reported to the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection (TCWC) housed at Texas A&M University. This initial query suggested that no previous bat surveys had been conducted at SAAN, but provided a list of potential species that would be refined through field surveys and habitat assessment. Schmidly listed 6 potential species from Bexar (San Antonio) and Wilson (Floresville) counties, including: cave myotis from "San Antonio", Somerset and West Hightower (all Bexar County); Eastern pipistrelle from "San Antonio", Johnsons (Gladsomes [sic]) Cave, and Kelly Air Force Base (all Bexar county); Eastern red bat from "San Antonio" and Somerset (Bexar county) and Floresville (Wilson County); hoary bat from "San Antonio" and Cubbra Springs (Bexar County); Northern yellow bat from "San Antonio" (Bexar County); and Mexican free-tailed bat from Helotes, Helotes Creek, "San Antonio", Fort Sam Houston Military Reservation, Mitchell Lake, Somerset, and Camp Bullis Military Reservation (all Bexar County). Two other species were erroneously listed as vagrants for Bexar County, Mormoops megalophylla (ghost-faced bat) and Eptesicus fuscus (big brown bat), and were later removed from our list of potential species. Finally, (evening bat), was added to the list even though Schmidly listed no prior records from Bexar or Wilson counties, as those are well within the range of that bat and adequate habitat exists on SAAN properties. This narrowed our focus to seven species (Table 1).

| Table 1. Potential Bat Species of SAAN | |
|--|-------------------------|
| <i>Myotis velifer</i> | cave myotis |
| <i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i> | Eastern pipistrelle |
| <i>Lasiurus borealis</i> | Eastern red bat |
| <i>Lasiurus cinereus</i> | hoary bat |
| <i>Lasiurus intermedius</i> | Northern yellow bat |
| <i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i> | Mexican free-tailed bat |
| <i>Nycticeius humeralis</i> | evening bat |

BCI's mapping database added records of 5 bridge roosts in Bexar County on I-10 and 3 on I-35, most likely Mexican free-tailed bats, in addition to the records previously mentioned. BCI records also add one red bat from Government Canyon (Bexar County), and one cave myotis from Stockdale (Wilson County) to the list of records from those two counties. No records had been reported to the Texas Biological Conservation Database. Checking with the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection (TCWC) turned up 4 records for Mexican free-tailed bat, 1 for hoary bat, and 1 for Northern yellow bat, in all of Bexar County.

Historical References — Towards the end of this project, SAAN Chief Ranger Dan Steed gave the principle investigators a draft copy of an unpublished NPS paper on the architectural history of the San Antonio Missions (Ivey et al. 1990). The portion of Chapter 9 ("The Post-Colonial Period") describing the bats in Mission Concepción is reprinted below in its entirety [emphasis on bat references ours]. The bats described were most likely *Tadarida brasiliensis*, although it is possible they were *Myotis velifer*.

The year 1846 saw another visitor to Mission Concepción. In an article, “Notes from my Knapsack,” an anonymous soldier – somewhat lacking in historical knowledge – described Concepción:

The “Mission Concepción” is one of the numerous structures for quasi-religious purposes, created by the Spanish Jesuits for the conversion of Indians to Romanism. They are all now deserted, and abandoned literally “to the moles and **bats**,” and there is nothing visible in the condition of Mexican or Indian, to indicate any knowledge or any appreciation of the pure doctrines and divine morality of the New Testament. From an imperfect inscription now almost obliterated, on the building – which is stone and of stately appearance – it seems to have been erected or completed in the year 1754. But little is left of the interior finish, and that hardly visible, as the building was so darkened by **bats** and so offensive that the entrance was almost impossible. (“Notes from my Knapsack” 1854:176)

In recollections written between 1855 and 1861, ex-soldier Samuel Chamberlain also reiterates the gruesome state of Concepción in the late 1840s. Chamberlain’s mention of caverns entered from steps “behind the altar” lends credence to local tales about subterranean passages:

One day Colonel Harvey ordered the old Mission to be cleaned out, intending to use it to store forage for his command. A large detail of Dragoons well provided with shovels and brooms commenced to clean out the nave of the Church. The floor was covered to the depth of two foot with the excrement of **Bats**. While some of the detail were at work, others provided themselves with torches to explore the subterranean vaults and passages under the buildings and said to connect with the Fortress of the Alamo. Behind where the Altar formerly stood, a flight of stone steps descended into the dark and gloomy place. It was one mass of **Bats**! They hung on the walls and arched roof in clusters like bees when swarming, the floor was covered, and yielded under the step like a bog. Out of sport some of the Dragoons fired their Pistols into the living, squirming mass, when like a tornado the **Bats** flew out of the passage, extinguishing the torches but fortunately carrying the men out of the vault with them. The party in the Church rushed for the door in the wildest alarm and though some were knocked down and badly frightened, all got outside in safety. The little **winged animals** poured out of the great door for two hours, making their way to the Mission of San José, six miles below, their column being so dense as to resemble a suspension bridge! Thousands lay in the church and on the ground dead and dying from the crush. The stench in the Mission prevented its being used. (Chamberlain 1956:43-44)

Bartlett’s description of Concepción reveals that the appalling condition of the mission church had not been remedied by 1854. At this time it was in use as a stable for cattle:

It was late when we reached Concepción, which is nearer the town than either of the other missions. The two towers and dome of the church make quite an imposing appearance when seen from a distance; but on approaching it, we found it not only desolated but desacrated; the church portion being used as an inclosure for cattle, the filth from which covered the floor to the depth of a foot or more. Myriads of **bats** flitted about, which chattered and screamed at our invasion of their territory; and we found nothing of interest within the church to repay us for encountering their disagreeable presence. (Bartlett 1854:44)

It is interesting that these reports are not only some of the earliest documentation of bats using man-made structures as roosts in Texas, but also (particularly Chamberlain’s account) provide some of the earliest evidence of human vandalism at bat roosts in the state.

Basic Natural History of the Potential Bats of SAAN — Below we provide a brief natural history description for the potential bats of the SAAN. We also provide a discussion of the likelihood of capture and of acoustic detection. Although some of these bats are less common than others, none are considered species of concern by either state or federal agencies at this time. Much of this information is also summarized in Table 2. Representative sonograms of typical bat calls for those species, or similar species, are depicted. Sonograms, where uncredited, are courtesy of <http://talpa.unm.edu/batcall>.

Table 2. Natural History and Capture Likelihood of Potential SAAN Bat Species

| Species | Overwinter Strategy | Summer Roost Type | Summer Roosting Strategy |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cave Myotis (<i>Myotis velifer</i>) | Hibernates | Caves, Mines, buildings, bridges | Colonial |
| Eastern Pipistrelle (<i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i>) | Hibernates | unknown | Solitary to small groups |
| Eastern Red Bat (<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>) | Hibernates | Tree foliage | Solitary |
| Hoary Bat (<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>) | Hibernates | Tree foliage or tree bark | Solitary |
| Northern Yellow Bat (<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>) | Active year-round, occasional torpor | Spanish moss and dead palm fronds | Solitary |
| Mexican free-tailed bat (<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>) | Migrates | Caves, buildings, bridges, bat houses | Colonial, very large groups |
| Evening Bat (<i>Nycticeius humeralis</i>) | Unknown | Tree cavities, loose bark, bat houses | Small groups |

The **cave myotis** (*Myotis velifer*) is a fairly common bat in Texas that forms nursery colonies, usually numbering in the thousands, in caves, mines, barns, buildings, and sometimes under bridges. Cave myotis are aerial insectivores and feed on a wide variety of insects including moths, weevils, antlions, beetles, and other small insects (Tuttle 2003). Because these bats congregate in large groups, they are very susceptible to human disturbance. The likelihood of detecting this cosmopolitan bat in SAAN is good. Its high maneuverability enables it to feed in the riparian areas we selected for netting, although its tendency to forage high among the treetops makes its chance of capture less. This should be one of the more common bats detected acoustically in SAAN, echolocating at a frequency of approximately 40-60 kHz.

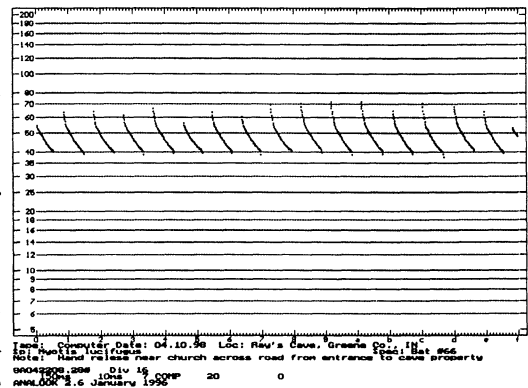


Figure 3. Sonogram of *Myotis lucifugus* calls, which are very similar to *Myotis velifer*.

The **Eastern pipistrelle** (*Pipistrellus subflavus*) is a common bat in Texas found throughout much of the state, but little is known about its daytime, summer, or maternity roosts, although they have been noted to occasionally use buildings, highway culverts, and abandoned woodpecker holes. In the winter they hibernate in caves. Eastern pipistrelles cannot withstand freezing temperatures and are among the first bats to enter hibernation in the fall and among the last to emerge in spring. These bats are among the first bats to emerge at dusk each night from forested lowlands. Their diet consists of small insects, including leafhoppers, beetles, flies, moths and flying ants (Tuttle 2003). These bats have been commonly collected along bottomland streams and forest flyways making it highly likely to be caught in the riparian areas we selected for netting. These bats are somewhat easy to detect acoustically as they are among the first to emerge at dusk and have a 42-55 kHz call.

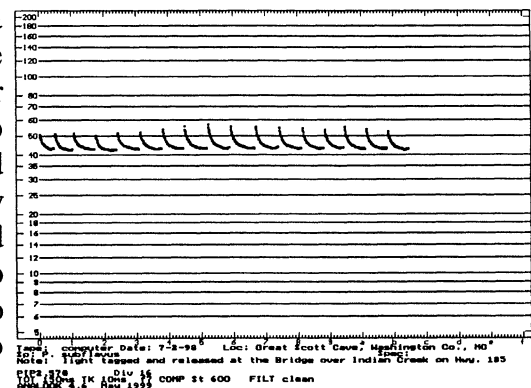


Figure 4. Sonogram of *Pipistrellus subflavus* calls. Courtesy of Dr. Eric Britzke.

The **Eastern red bat** (*Lasiurus borealis*) is a common tree bat throughout the state of Texas. This bat roosts out in the open in the foliage on lowland forest trees. They are well camouflaged as they hang curled up in their furry tail membranes, suspended from one foot, twisting slightly in the breeze (Tuttle 2003). For the most part they are solitary, only coming together to mate and to migrate. Unlike most bats, red bats often give birth to twins and can have litters of up to 5 bats. Red bats can be seen feeding in early evening around forest edges, in clearings, or around streetlights, where they primarily consume moths. It is likely that this bat will be captured along the riparian areas we selected for netting. In addition, these bats are somewhat easy to detect acoustically as they are among the first to emerge at dusk and echolocate at 35-60 kHz.

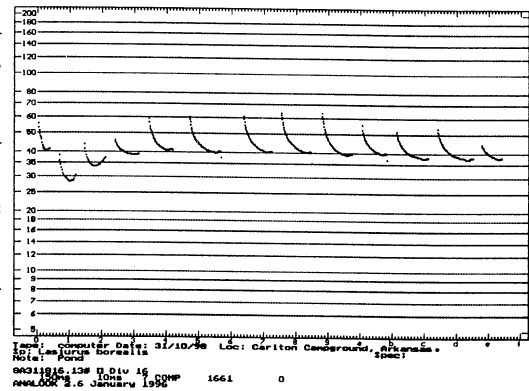


Figure 5. Sonogram of *Lasiurus borealis* calls.

The **hoary bat** (*Lasiurus cinereus*) is rarely encountered in Texas, as it is largely only a spring and fall migrant in the state. Hoary bats occur in a wide variety of habitats and feed mostly on moths (Tuttle 2003). This bat is easy to distinguish in flight due to its large size and the chatting sounds it makes during flight (Schmidly 1991). Because the hoary bat is largely only a spring and fall migrant through Texas the likelihood of catching this bat at SAAN is very low. However if acoustic sampling was conducted during the spring/fall migration then it is likely to pick up this bat on a detector, as they travel in groups and the call range is known to be from 20-35 kHz.

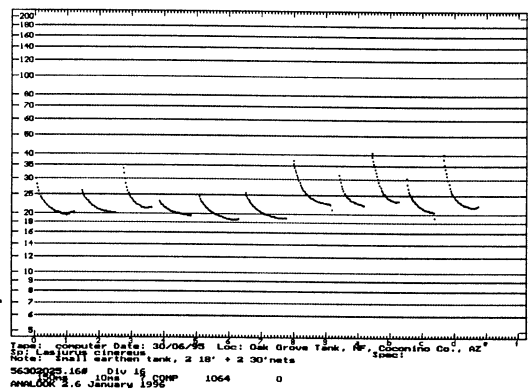


Figure 6. Sonogram of *Lasiurus cinereus* calls.

Northern yellow bats (*Lasiurus intermedius*) live in a variety of mostly coastal habitats that contain Spanish moss or fan palm trees (Tuttle 2003). Northern yellow bats prefer to forage over open, grassy areas such as pastures, lake edges, golf courses, and forest edges. These bats feed on leafhoppers, flies, mosquitoes, beetles, flying ants, and occasionally dragonflies and damselflies (Tuttle 2003). Lately there has been a trend of planting fan palms for landscaping which may provide the yellow bat with additional roosting sites if the dead palm fronds are not pruned. This, along with the selected netting sites near a forest edge, gives us a fair chance of catching this bat. The likelihood of detecting this bat acoustically is also good, at 32-50 kHz.

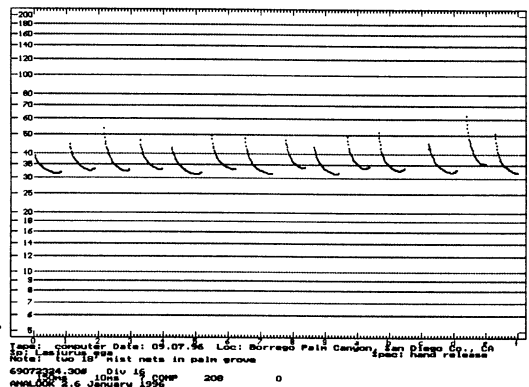


Figure 7. Sonogram of *Lasiurus xanthaninus* calls, which are similar to *Lasiurus intermedius*.

The **Mexican free-tailed bat** (*Tadarida brasiliensis*) is the most common bat encountered in Texas. This bat is a highly colonial, migratory bat that forms large maternity colonies in central Texas caves in the summer. The largest maternity colony is located near the community of

Garden Ridge, approximately 20 miles north of SAAN. Mexican free-tailed bats have easily adapted to human structures and often inhabit buildings, bridges, and bat houses. These bats are known to feed on agricultural pests, particularly the cotton boll worm moth and corn ear worm moth, as well as other night-flying insects. These bats feed on the wing generally out in the open as their wing-structure is made for speed and not for maneuverability. Although it is likely the Mexican free-tailed bat is present within SAAN, it is somewhat unlikely that this bat will be captured along the fairly restrained riparian areas we selected for netting. The likelihood of detecting this bat acoustically is high if surveyed in large clearing and along the San Antonio River. This bat echolocates between 25-50 kHz.

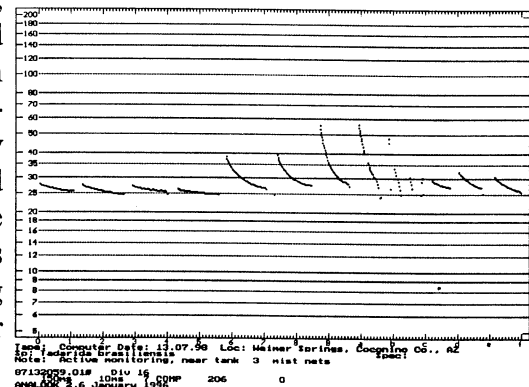


Figure 8. Sonogram of *Tadarida brasiliensis* calls.

The **evening bat** (*Nycticeius humeralis*) is a small bat that is found in the eastern half of Texas. Evening bats live in deciduous and coniferous forests, where they are most often found along waterways (Tuttle 2003). These bats mainly prey on beetles but other prey items include flying ants, spittlebugs, pomace flies, stinkbugs, and small moths (Tuttle 2003). These bats roost in tree cavities, behind loose bark and in bat houses. The likelihood of catching these bats is fairly good since all of the selected netting sites are along watercourses; however no evening bats have previously been recorded in the San Antonio area. The likelihood of detecting these bats acoustically is good. This bat echolocates at 34-50 kHz.

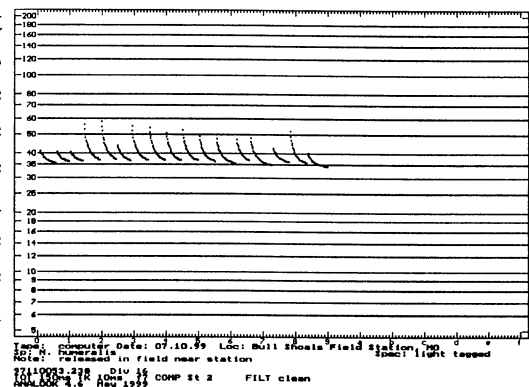


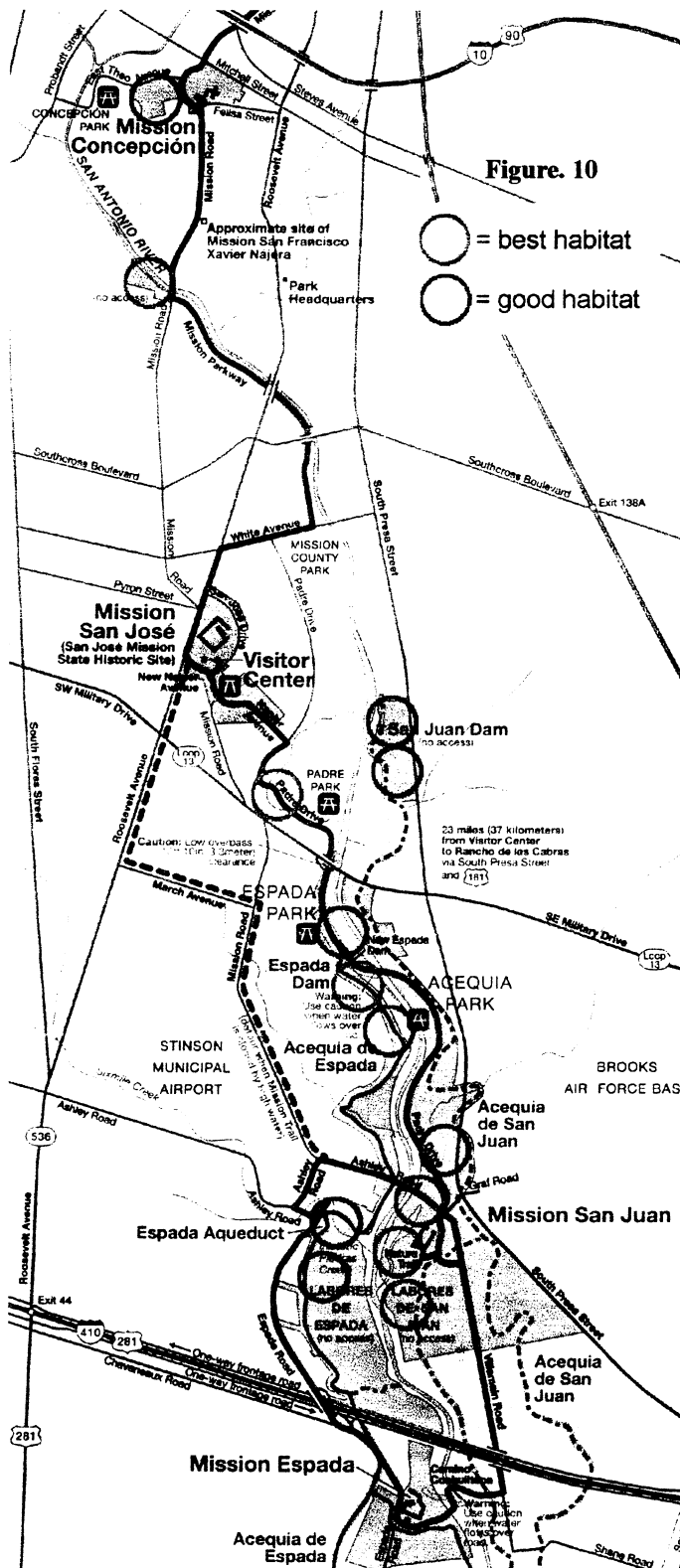
Figure 9. Sonogram of *Nycticeius humeralis* calls. Courtesy of Dr. Eric Britzke.

Site Evaluation — On 1 May 2002 Brett Carré, National Park Service Biologist for SAAN, met with Meg Goodman and Jim Kennedy for site familiarization and preliminary evaluation. Much discussion took place over the relative sterility of the majority of SAAN properties and general lack of suitable bat habitat. Most public-accessible sites at SAAN have manicured grounds (i.e. mowed grasses, pruned palm trees, etc.) and the historic structures have cracks and crevices sealed to prevent degradation from the elements. None of this is conducive to bat roosts. Brett was informed during that meeting that except for the occasional night-roosting bat, the only bat activity in those sites would probably be flyovers by commuting or foraging bats, which would not be capturable due to the open nature of the habitat. The many structures inspected during this initial assessment of all of the mission sites supported that contention, as no bats were noted and only an occasional bat dropping on the floor of some buildings was discovered, and that only with careful examination. This suggests that random use of buildings as night-roosts does occur, but no permanent roosts.

During the initial site visit it was noted that the riparian woodlot with no public access off Sierra Road (Zone 1), the riparian areas near Padre Park (Zone 2), Espada Park and Acequia Park (Zone 3), Espada Aqueduct and Mission San Juan nature trail (Zone 4), and Rancho de las Cabras (Zone 6) appeared to be better habitat than elsewhere on SAAN sites due to the presence

of mature hardwoods with potential roosts (hollows, sloughing bark, lightning scars, and weather damage), and were targeted for intense sampling via mistnetting and harp trapping. The best of these appeared to be the nature trail area behind Mission San Juan (Zone 4) and Rancho de las Cabras near Floresville (Zone 6). Many other sites appeared to be good foraging areas or commuting corridors, such as the San Antonio River corridor, Espada Dam, all acequias, and several of the overgrown fields near the San Antonio River. However, these were much more

open and hence almost impossible to sample with current capture techniques such as netting and trapping. Figure 9 shows generalized indications of best potential bat roosting and foraging areas within SAAN.



Since most SAAN areas are open making foraging bats difficult to capture, a program was developed with the Alamo Area Chapter of the Master Naturalists to gather acoustic activity information to identify possible bat “hot spots”. The data gathered (bat echolocation calls and feeding buzzes) does not distinguish between species or individual bats, but does provide an overall comparative level of abundance, identifying key areas for future work using more sophisticated identification systems. Simple data collection forms and a survey protocol were developed and distributed to the group after two training sessions by BCI biologists, 27 July and 14 August 2002 (Appendix 2). Master naturalists were instructed to survey all areas of SAAN on their own time, 30 minutes before sundown until any time throughout the evening, recording the number of bat calls and feeding buzzes every 30 minutes.

RESULTS

Site visits and results are summarized below. All capture data is combined in Table 3.

Day Roost Surveys —

1 May 2002. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Brett Carré. All of the public mission buildings at SAAN were visited to look for bat sign (guano and/or roost stains). As previously mentioned, little bat sign was

observed at the mission buildings. Mission sites were evaluated for the best potential sites for intense survey via mistnetting and harp-trapping.

7 June 2002. Jim Kennedy, Julia Germany. Many mission buildings at SAAN were revisited to look for additional bat sign (guano and/or roost stains) and re-evaluate that habitat for further work. A visit to one of the bell towers (at Mission San José) was scheduled, but cancelled due to Park safety concerns. Afterwards, the Rancho de las Cabras site was extensively hiked for orientation and potential roost evaluation. Future netting sites were identified, and acoustic surveys performed. Despite suitable weather and abundant insect activity, not a single bat call was detected near the old quarry.

Evening Bat Capture Surveys —

21 July 2002. Zone 2. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Kim Hoskins, Tammy Ash. Mistnetting efforts began in Padre Park at the northern Padre Drive crossing of an unnamed tributary to the San Antonio River. Two 18-foot nets were erected over the water, one east of Padre Drive, and the other west. Two lactating female evening bats were caught between 2115 and 2125 hours in the east net. This leads us to believe that a small maternity roost is in the immediate area. No other bats were detected the rest of the evening and netting efforts were concluded around 2300 hours.

27 July 2002. Zone 2. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Dr. John Bowles, Julie Jenkins, Anton Hajek, David Gates. The next mistnetting effort was at the southern Padre Drive crossing of the unnamed tributary. Two mistnets were erected on the east side of Padre Drive near the footbridge, one 40-foot net and another 18-foot net further to the east. Mist nets were open between the hours of 2000 and 2200. Many bats were detected foraging in the fields near the site with bat detectors, but no bats were heard by the footbridge or captured.

4 August 2002. Zone 5. Meg Goodman, Dr. John Bowles, Kirby Carroll, Charlie Camaro, Holly Camaro, Brett Carré, Anton Hajek. Three mistnets were erected along the Mission San Juan nature trail: one 30-foot over the old San Antonio River channel, one 18-foot and one 30-foot over the nature trail itself. The nets were open between the hours of 2100 and 2400. Two bats were captured in the net over the water at 2300 hours, one female Eastern red bat and one evening bat (sex undetermined). The evening bats escaped as it was being removed from the mistnet. Photographs and tissue samples were taken.

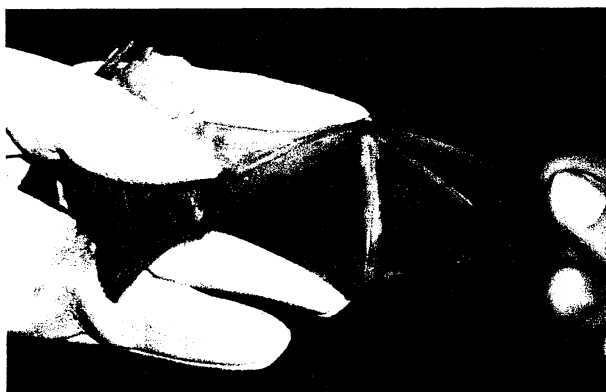
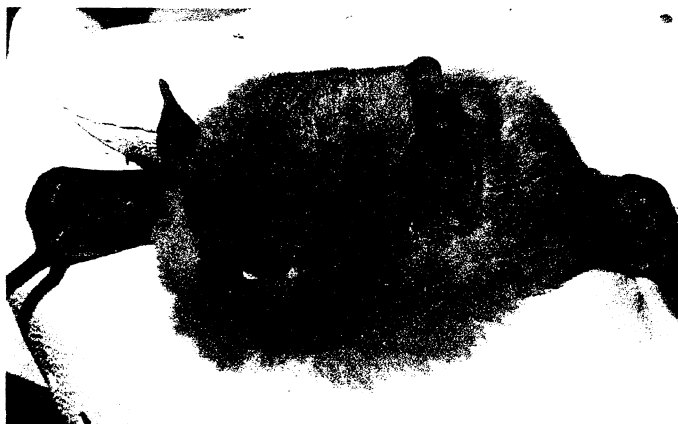


Figure 11. *Lasiurus borealis* from 4 August 2002, showing wing punch. Photo by Brett Carré, NPS.

17 August 2002. Zone 5. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Dr. Allyson Walsh, Dr. John Bowles, Faith Watkins, Kirby Carroll, Tammy Ash, Anton Hajek. This mistnetting effort proved to be highly successful as we increased field assistants as well as capture methods. Four mistnets were erected along the old San Antonio River channel, all 30 feet in length, and two harp-traps were set up along the nature trail itself. All traps and nets were open between the hours of 2000 and 2400. Two of the nets over the water proved successful with four Northern yellow bats, all males, and four evening bats, mostly females, captured throughout the evening. One evening bat



**Figure 12. *Lasiurus intermedius* from 17 August 2002.
Photo by Faith Watkins, BCI.**



Figure 13. *Nycticeius humeralis* from 17 August 2002. Photo by Faith Watkins, BCI.

was also captured in one of the harp traps over the trail. Photographs and wing punches were taken of one northern yellow bat and one evening bat.

25 August 2002. Zone 6. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Dr. John Bowles, Julia Germany, Carrie Robertson. The final mistnetting effort for the month of August was conducted at Rancho de las Cabras, at Picos Creek near its confluence with the San Antonio River. One 18-foot mistnet was erected over Picos Creek. Two others, one 30-foot and one 42-foot, were erected near the intersection of the second side-drainage and Picos Creek. Two harp traps were set up approximately 150 feet up each of the first two side-drainages. All traps and nets were open between the hours of 2000 and 2300. No bats were captured nor were any heard on the two bat detectors throughout the evening.

6 September 2002. Zone 3. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Dr. John Bowles, Carrie Robertson, Dr. Paul Robertson, Laura Rielly, Kirby Carroll, Jane Whitaker, Bernice Gonzales. This survey was conducted in Espada Park at the old Espada Dam. Two 42-foot nets were set at the old Espada Dam and five 18-foot nets were set downstream between the Old Dam and the San Antonio River. One of these nets was destroyed by a Great Blue Heron that flew through the net and consequently was not used in the survey. All remaining nets were open between the hours of 2000 and 2300. No bats were captured at this site but many were heard foraging over the San Antonio River channel by the New Espada Dam. These bats would have been impossible to catch as they were flying out in the open.

14 September 2002. Zone 4. Meg Goodman, Dr. Allyson Walsh, Kirby Carroll, Dr. John Bowles, Dana Price, Liam Hulbert. This mistnetting effort was conducted along the nature trail at Mission San Juan. Two 30-foot nets were erected along the old San Antonio River channel in two of the same places as previous visits, and one 8-foot net was placed over the nature trail. The nets were open between the hours of 2000 and 2300. One evening bat of unknown sex was captured.

At least two other mist netting dates were scheduled for October 2002, both of which were cancelled due to bad weather. Even the rain dates were cancelled due to continuing bad weather.

20 May 2003. Zone 4. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Faith Watkins, Dan Steed. This mistnetting

effort was accompanied by acoustic surveys which are discussed in the next section. One 18-foot mistnet was erected across the stream channel at Espada Aqueduct. No bats were captured.

In summary, 8 nights were spent mistnetting in 5 different zones within the park. Additional nights were scheduled but cancelled due to unsuitable weather conditions. Netting and harp-trapping sites were chosen to reflect our estimate of the highest probability of capturing bats and ease of access. No surveys were conducted in Zone 1 or at the Mission San Jose in Zone 2 due to the unsuitability of habitat for setting nets/traps and hence the low probability of capturing bats at either site. Survey attempts were not made at Espada Aqueduct in 2002 due to safety issues. However, with increased safety measures the site was able to be surveyed in 2003.

Acoustic Bat Surveys — Bat Activity Surveys

As mentioned previously, the lack of suitable roosts in SAAN properties means that most bats using the Park would be either just foraging or simply passing through. To aid in future site management, we felt that having additional data on bat activity areas, or “hot spots”, would be most beneficial. This information would also help focus future acoustic research, if any. To these ends, we enlisted the Alamo Area Chapter of the Master Naturalist group to gather bat activity data from simple bat detector monitoring. This data is summarized below in Table 4. Caution should be exercised in interpreting this data, as 30 calls could mean 30 bats each calling once as easily as a single bat calling 30 times. However, it is very useful as a relative guide to bat activity in different parts of the Park. No further attempts were made to analyze this acoustic data.

In summary, 14 different acoustic monitoring efforts were made at 4 different sites on 14 nights. Most areas surveyed were in areas in which we did not mist net. These results demonstrated the high variability of bat activity from night to night and between zones across the park, but indicate that Mission San Juan consistently had relatively high bat activity. This supports our earlier habitat assessments.

In addition to these acoustic surveys, bat detectors were always turned on while mistnetting. By listening to the bat detector we could determine if bats were in the area or if they had hit the nets. If several people were present, some would survey acoustically in the open areas around the survey area. Many bats were detected in the open fields around the missions and especially over the main channel of the San Antonio River. However, no bats were detected at all on both netting nights at Ranchas de las Cabras. We found this to be surprising because based on the habitat we predicted this site might have some of the highest bat activity at SAAN. A subsequent acoustic (Anabat) survey recorded numerous calls (see below).

Acoustic Bat Surveys — Bat Identification Surveys

As a follow-up to the field work in 2002, the Principal Investigators agreed to visit SAAN 3 more times in 2003, to attempt recording bat calls for future species identification in sites impossible to mistnet. These surveys were not part of the original Work Plan or agreement with SAAN and Los Compadres. However, we felt that additional acoustic monitoring would hopefully add more of the targeted bat species to the current list known from the Park. The equipment and software (Anabat, Titley Electronics, Ballina NSW, Australia, <http://www.titley.com.au>) was selected primarily because of its availability and familiarity to the investigators, not from any inherent superiority over other acoustic bat detection packages. To explain simply, mathematical parameters of individual calls (slope, duration, maximum frequency, etc.) are measured and compared to a “library” of known bat calls. Individual species

Table 3. Capture Results by Zone through June 2003¹

ZONE 1

No surveys were conducted in Zone 1 due to the poor habitat and low probability of capturing bats in this area.

ZONE 2

Both surveys were conducted over unnamed tributaries that crossed Padre Drive.

| GPS location | Date | Species | Sex | Age | Reproductive Status | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------|---|
| N551129 E3247164 | 21 July 2002 | 2 evening bats | 2 females | 2 adults | both lactating | Could be a roost site nearby; this is a new record for Bexar County |
| N551314 E3247087 | 27 July 2002 | no bats captured | n/a | n/a | n/a | none |

ZONE 3

This survey was conducted at Espada Park at the Old Espada Dam and the tributary downstream of the dam.

| GPS location | Date | Species | Sex | Age | Reproductive Status | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|----------|
| N551930 E3246245 | 6 Sept. 2002 | no bats captured | n/a | n/a | n/a | none |

ZONE 4

Surveys were conducted along the nature trail at Mission San Juan.

| GPS location | Date | Species | Sex | Age | Reproductive Status | Comments |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--|
| N552805 E3244694 | 4 Aug. 2002 | 1 evening bat | n/a | n/a | n/a | Bat escaped from the mistnet |
| N552805 E3244694 | 4 Aug. 2002 | 1 Red Bat | female | juvenile | non-reproductive | Wing punch taken |
| N552805 E3244694 | 17 Aug. 2002 | 2 evening bats | n/a | n/a | n/a | Bats escaped from the mistnet |
| N552805 E3244694 | 17 Aug. 2002 | 2 evening bats | 2 females | 2 juveniles | 2 non-reproductive | Wing punch taken from one |
| N552805 E3244694 | 17 Aug. 2002 | 1 evening bat | 1 male | 1 juvenile | n/a | This bat was caught in the harp trap along the nature trail. |
| N552805 E3244694 | 17 Aug. 2002 | 2 N. yellow bats | 2 males | 2 adults | n/a | Wing punch was taken from one of the bats |
| N552805 E3244694 | 17 Aug. 2002 | 2 N. yellow bats | 2 males | 2 juveniles | n/a | n/a |
| N552805 E3244694 | 14 Sept. 2002 | 1 evening Bat | n/a | n/a | n/a | This bat escaped from the mistnet. |

ZONE 5

This survey was conducted along the stream channel at the Espada Aqueduct.

| GPS location | Date | Species | Sex | Age | Reproductive Status | Comments |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|------------------------|
| N552329 E3244778 | 20 May 2003 | no bats captured | n/a | n/a | n/a | Few bat calls recorded |

ZONE 6

Surveys were conducted along Picos Creek near the intersection with the San Antonio River.

| GPS location | Date | Species | Sex | Age | Reproductive Status | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|----------|
| N587749 E3214607 | 25 Aug. 2002 | no bats captured | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

¹ All coordinates are UTM, NAD27 CONUS.

Table 4. Acoustic Monitoring Results (Activity Level) through June 2003

| ZONE 1 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Mission Concepción</i> | 2 August 2002 | 7 August 2002 | 15 August 2002 | 29 August 2002 |
| Average bat calls per ½ hour | 40 | 91 | 9 | 9 |
| Average feeding buzzes per ½ hour | 19 | 47 | 1 | 20 |

| ZONE 2 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <i>Mission San José</i> | 1 August 2002 | 22 August 2002 | 19 Sept 2002 | 22 October 2002 |
| Average bat calls per ½ hour | 5 | 0 | 8 | 16 |
| Average feeding buzzes per ½ hour | 0 | | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Padre Park</i> | | | | |
| Average bat calls per ½ hour | - | 95 | - | - |
| Average feeding buzzes per ½ hour | - | 6 | - | - |

| ZONE 3 | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| <i>No acoustic surveys done by Master Naturalists within Zone 3</i> | | | | |

| ZONE 4 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Mission San Juan</i> | 4 August 2002 | 8 August 2002 | 17 August 2002 | 26 Sept. 2002 |
| Average bat calls per ½ hour | 59 | 19 | 27 | 17 |
| Average feeding buzzes per ½ hour | 28 | 3 | 9 | 4 |

| Zone 5 | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Mission Espada</i> | 21 August 2002 | 5 Sept. 2002 |
| Average bat calls per ½ hour | 21 | 25 |
| Average feeding buzzes per ½ hour | 7 | 5 |

| Zone 6 | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| <i>No acoustic surveys done by Master Naturalists within Zone 6 due to access issues.</i> | | | | |

may have many calls, and calls may vary regionally, by sex and reproductive status, and in differing habitat types. Many species have “cryptic” calls, unable to differentiate outside of a small group of species. However, the target bat species at SAAN should have sufficiently distinct calls so as to be able to identify them by species provided a good call sequence was recorded. A copy of all raw Anabat recordings made on the following dates are provided on a disk with this report. Analysis and positive identification of these calls have not yet been completed.

20 May 2003. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy, Faith Watkins, Dan Steed. Zone 4 An Anabat acoustic bat detector was set up along the channel at Espada Aqueduct from 2030 and 2210 hours. Few calls (7) were heard and recorded, but none was of sufficient quality to determine species.

28 May 2003. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy. Zone 3. An Anabat acoustic bat detector was set up along the San Antonio River at the New Espada Dam from 2000 to 2200 hours. Many bats were seen and heard, but few (10) good call sequences were recorded. Only *Lasiurus borealis* could be positively identified, although it is highly likely other species were also present.

18 June 2003. Meg Goodman, Jim Kennedy. Zone 6. An Anabat acoustic bat detector was set up along the San Antonio River at Ranchos de los Cabras from 2000 to 2200 hours. Many bat observations were made, and many good call sequences were recorded (154 files). Of these, we were able to positively identify *Nycticeius humeralis*, *Lasiurus borealis*, *Lasiurus cinereus*, and

Tadarida brasiliensis. All but *L. borealis* are new records for Wilson County. These bats were flying over and feeding and drinking at the large open river channel at the southeastern boundary of the parcel. They would have been extremely difficult to capture, if at all, due to the openness of the area, the deep water, the steep, muddy banks, and the sheer areal extent of the river. It is possible that additional species, including *Pipistrellus subflavus* and *Myotis velifer* were also present, but undetected.

The principle investigators are deeply indebted to Dr. Eric Britzke of the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Clemson University for the analysis of the 171 files recorded during this phase of the project.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Inventory completeness — Surveys positively identified 3 of the 7 potential species for Bexar and Wilson counties: Eastern red bat, evening bat, and Northern yellow bat. It is not surprising that the hoary bat was not captured, as previous records indicate that the bat may not be present except for spring and fall migrations. Similarly, the Mexican free-tailed bat was unlikely to be caught in the relatively cluttered mistnetting sites available, since it is generally a species that forages high up and lacks the maneuverability to drink from cluttered waterways. Further acoustic (Anabat) surveys in 2003 documented 4 species in the more open areas of Espada Dam and Rancho de las Cabras. Two other bat species we expected to record in SAAN were not captured or recorded acoustically: cave myotis and Eastern pipistrelle. We believe these bats are likely using SAAN as a foraging and /or commuting area and could be detected using more sophisticated acoustic survey methods.

Bats are notably among the more difficult animals to sample and there is a growing recognition of these difficulties (Hayes 2000, O'Shea and Bogan 1999). Only one study conducted in North America has attempted to determine survey effort required to characterize a bat species assemblage in a forest in the Pacific Southwest. This is not yet published (Weller and Zabel 2001).

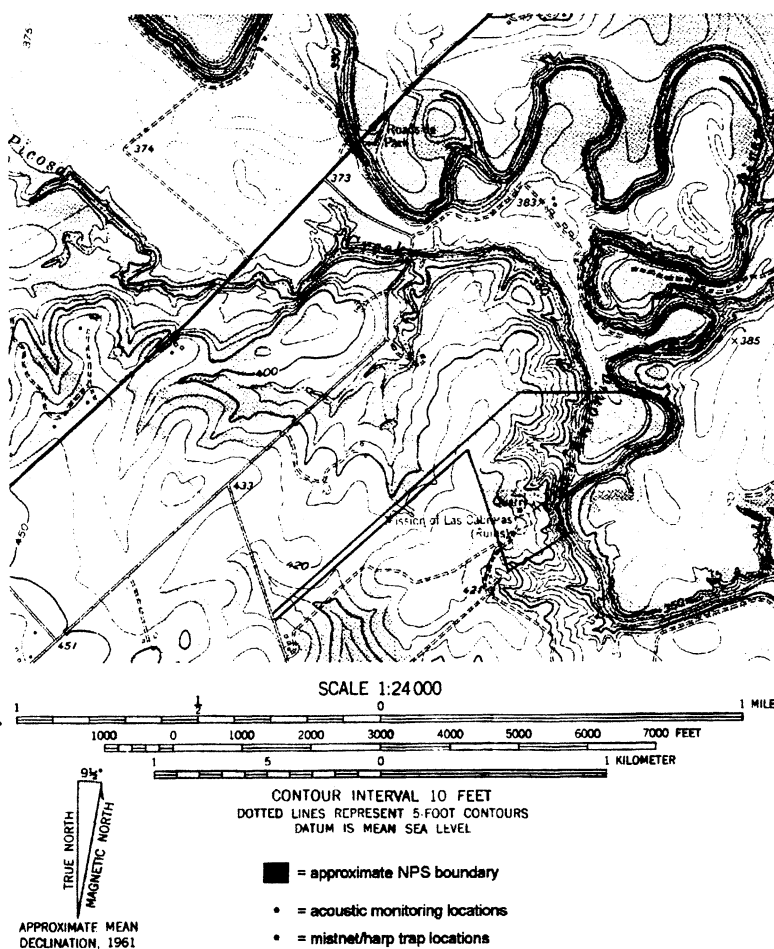


Figure 14. Rancho de las Cabras, Wilson County, showing acoustic survey and trapping locations.

In this study, bats were sampled using mistnets at sites across a watershed for five years. Annual species assemblages were captured after 6-19 nights of effort, and it took 6-11 nights per year to capture the six most common species in the watershed. Capture effort was reduced slightly by eliminating efforts prior to the capture of the first juvenile and sampling four productive sites repeatedly was more efficient than sampling additional sites. We carried out 7 nights mistnetting, starting surveys when juveniles were likely to be on the wing and focusing survey efforts on the more productive sites. This falls above the minimum sampling effort indicated in the available literature. However, the low and variable use of the park by bats as revealed by our results suggests that a higher sampling effort is required to complete the bat inventory. While several additional surveyed evenings were scheduled, the logistics of arranging for groups of people to travel from Austin to carry out bat surveys for this project were hampered by the frequent need to cancel field operations due to unsuitable survey weather conditions.

Bat Management Recommendations — As previously noted, properties at SAAN offer little in the way of good-quality roost sites. Bats primarily either pass through the Park on their way elsewhere, or feed over the open riparian areas.

In order to improve roost availability, we recommend creating more natural roosting sites for bats in the wooded areas of the park by leaving mature trees, old snags and hollows, and other senescent trees in place, in addition to managing for future roost tree recruitment.

Another management technique is the addition of artificial roosts in the form of bat houses. In many areas where natural roosts are no longer abundant, bat houses can be critical to the long-term health of local bat populations. Bat Conservation International has a long-term research project (since 1993) to study the effects of various bat house designs, placements, and other variables. Results are summarized in our resource publication, *The Bat House Builder's Handbook*, which is attached to this report (Appendix 3). BCI's North American Bat House Research Project coordinators are happy to assist SAAN in a trial bat house project in areas of the Park not currently open to the public. The best area that we identified for clusters of bat houses is the old park east and south of the San Juan Dam ("State Hospital grounds"), north of Military Drive.

Bat houses also make ideal interpretive displays, giving people a closer look at an elusive animal, and involving them in wildlife conservation in their communities. However, unrestricted access to bat houses in many areas of the Park may allow bats and bat houses to be vandalized either through fear or ignorance.

Since the bats use the waterways nightly as a source of water and foraging area, we recommend that SAAN continue to maintain and improve water quality for bats. This includes maintaining open and clean waterways, clean up of old tires and other debris, flood control, and future streambank and vegetation management.

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Appendix 1: Data Sheets

Appendix 2: Acoustic activity level monitoring protocols for volunteers.

Appendix 3: *The Bat House Builder's Handbook*

Also submitted with this report: tissue samples from captured species.

Appendix 1:

Copies of completed Project data forms.

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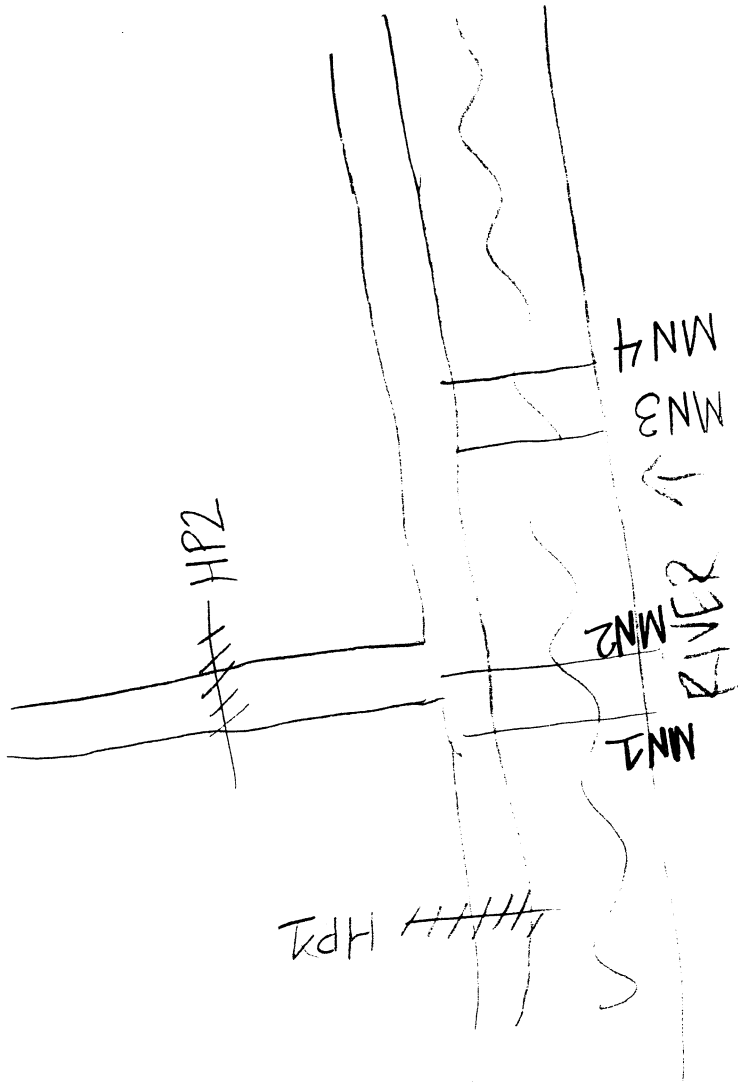
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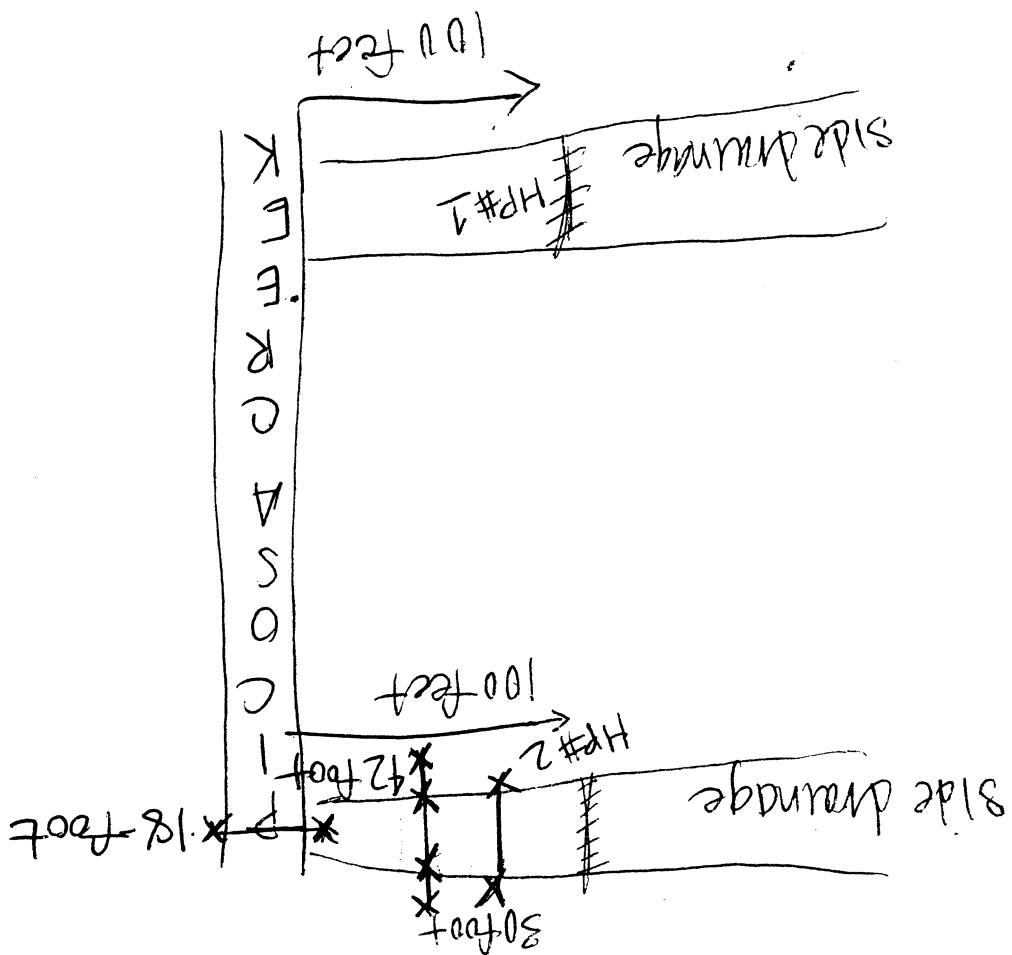
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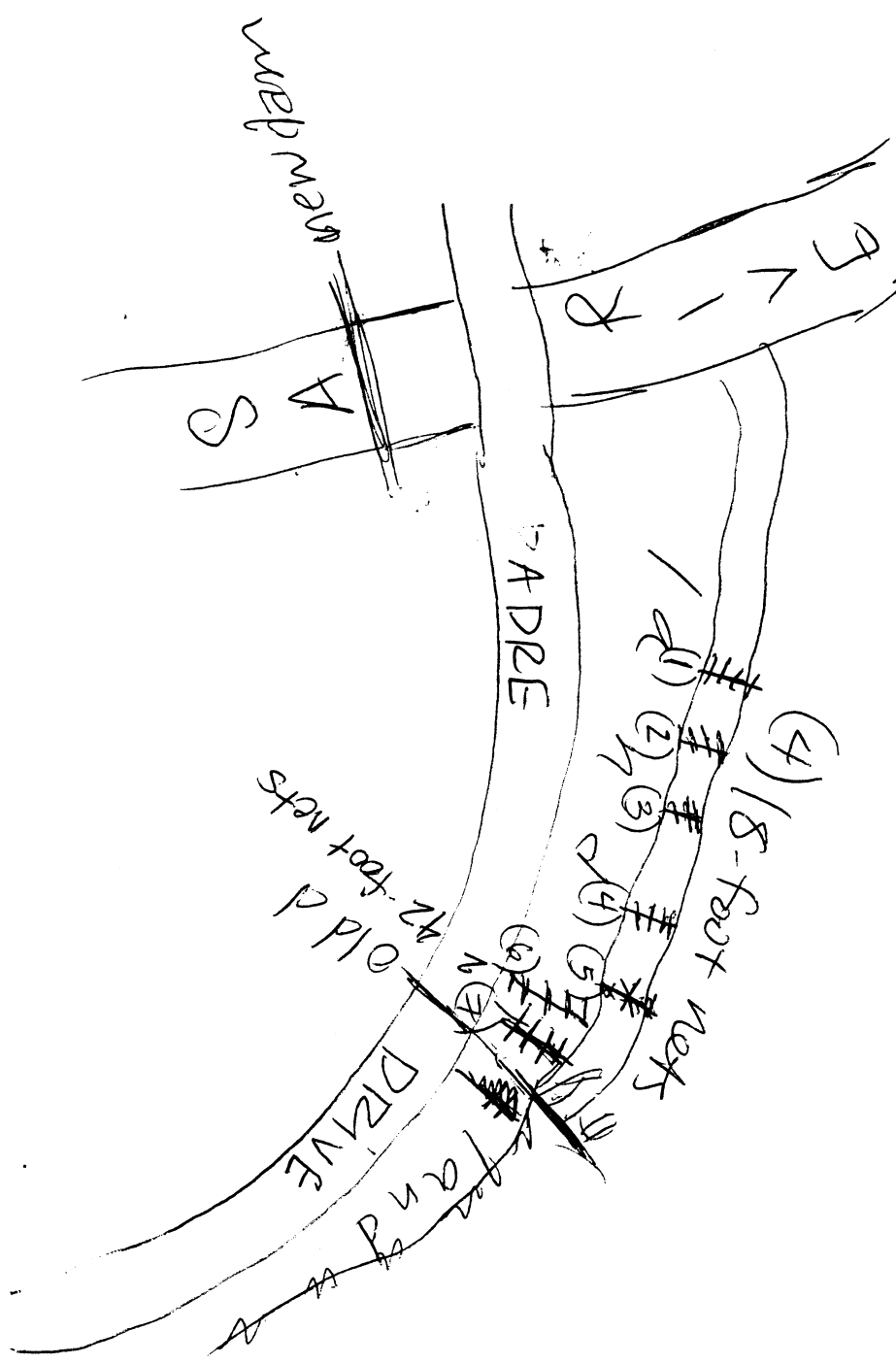
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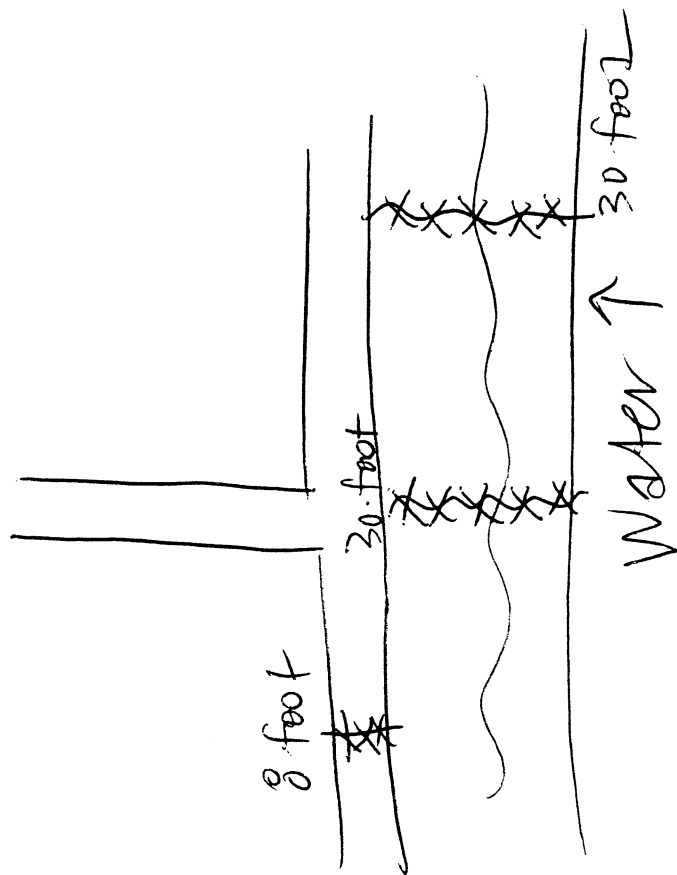
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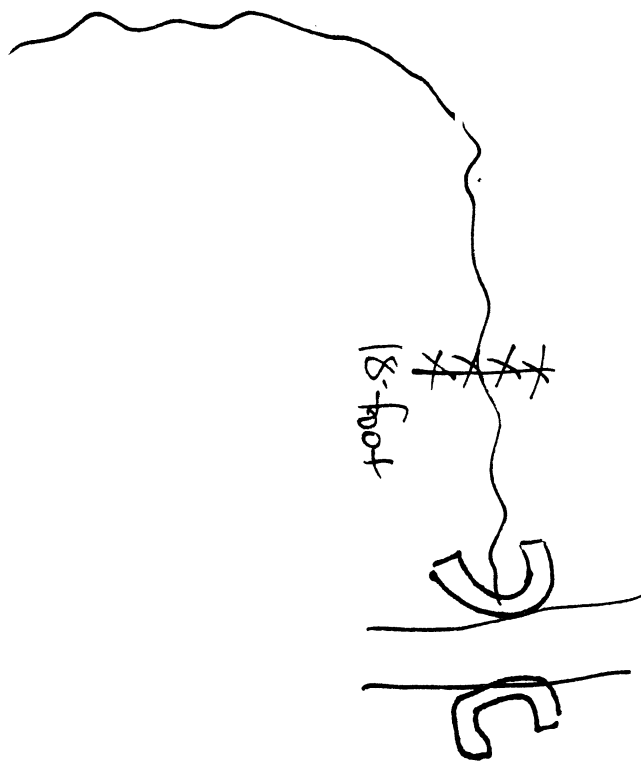
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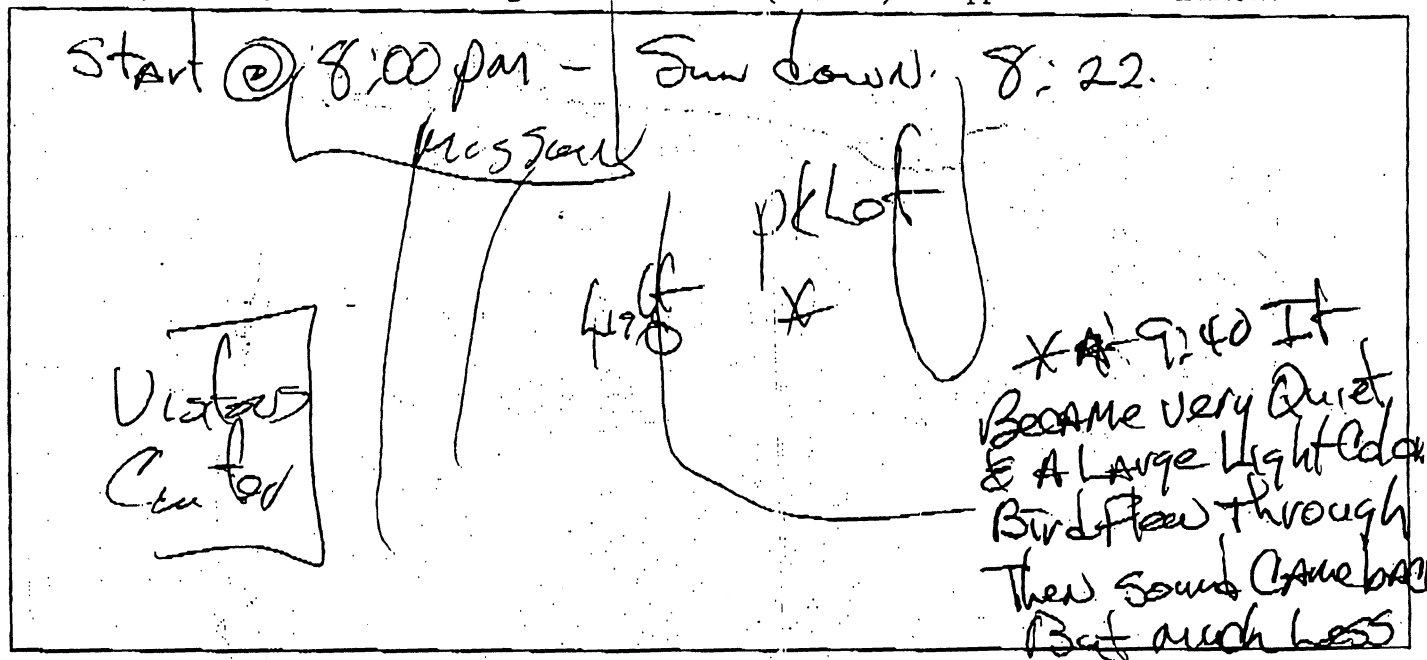
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32.5 KHz

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San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

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Date: 02 AUG 2002

Assistant Surveyors:

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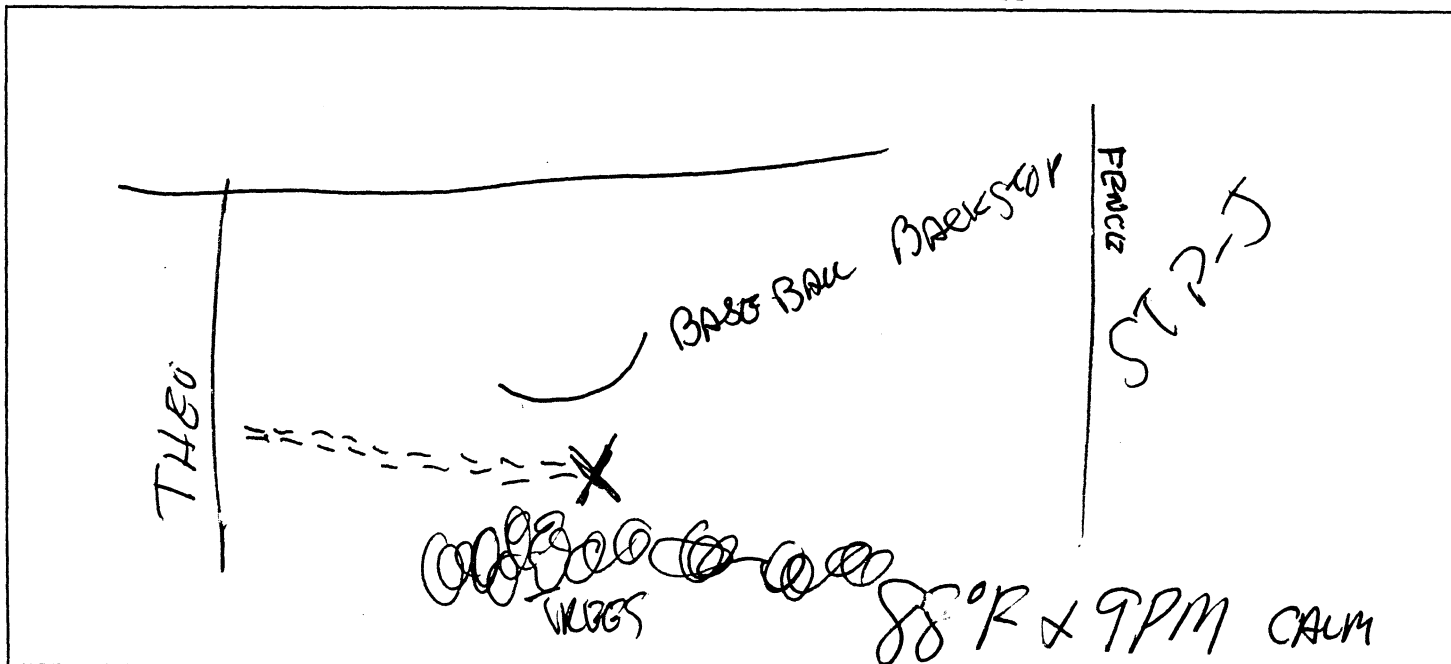
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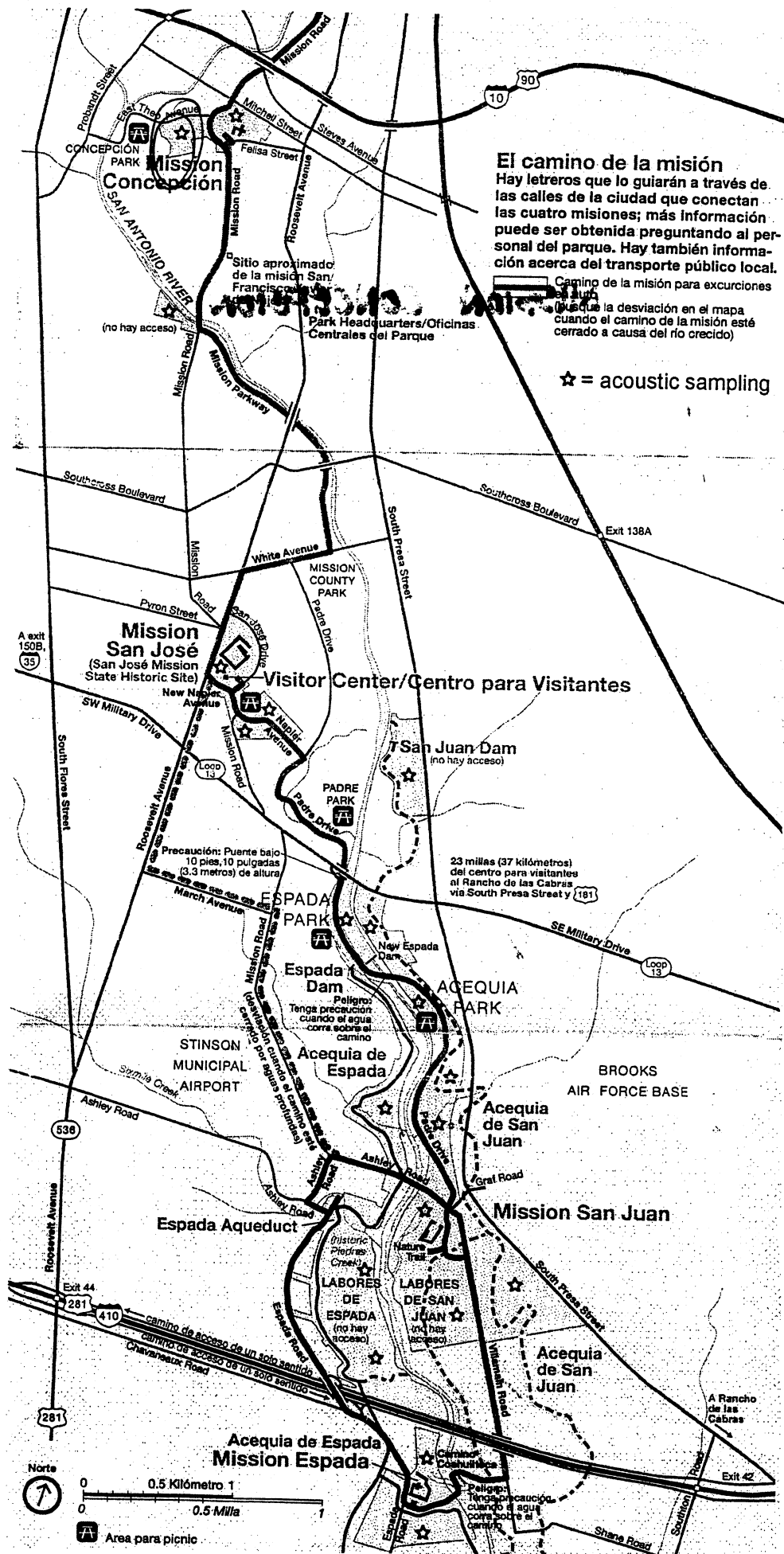
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San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

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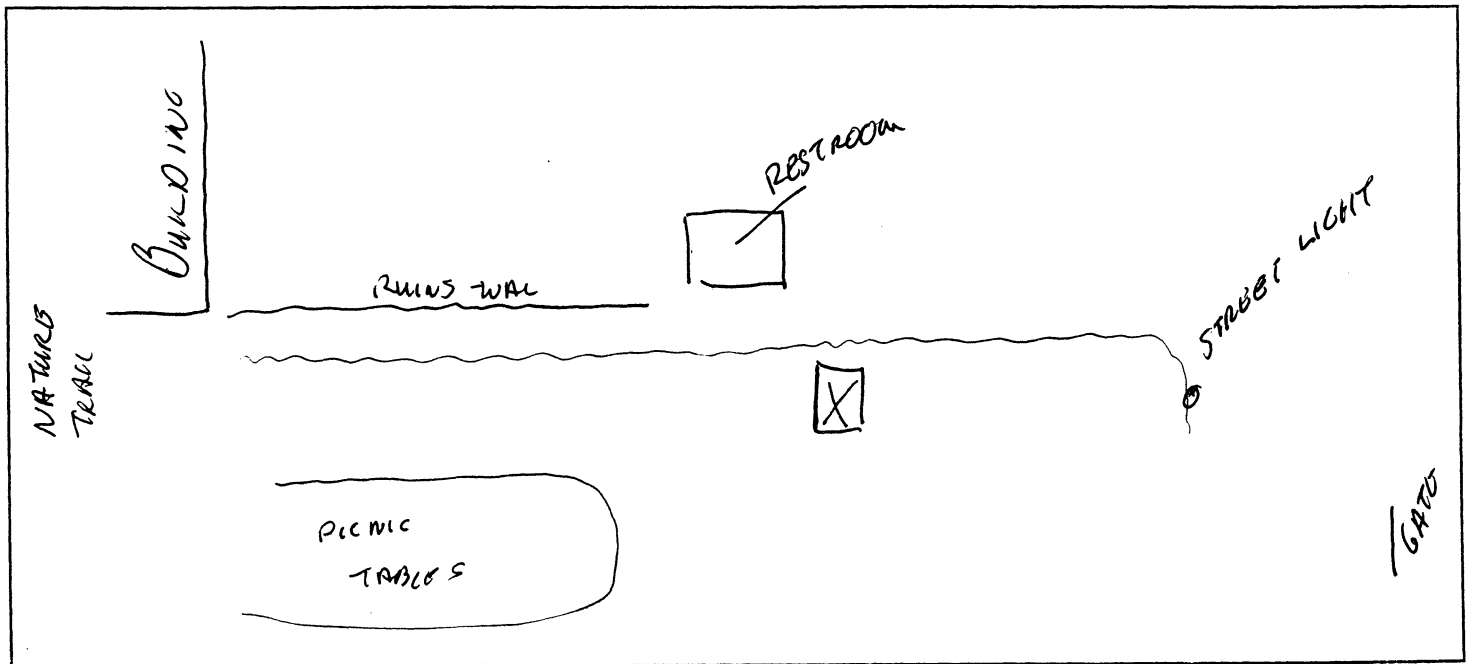
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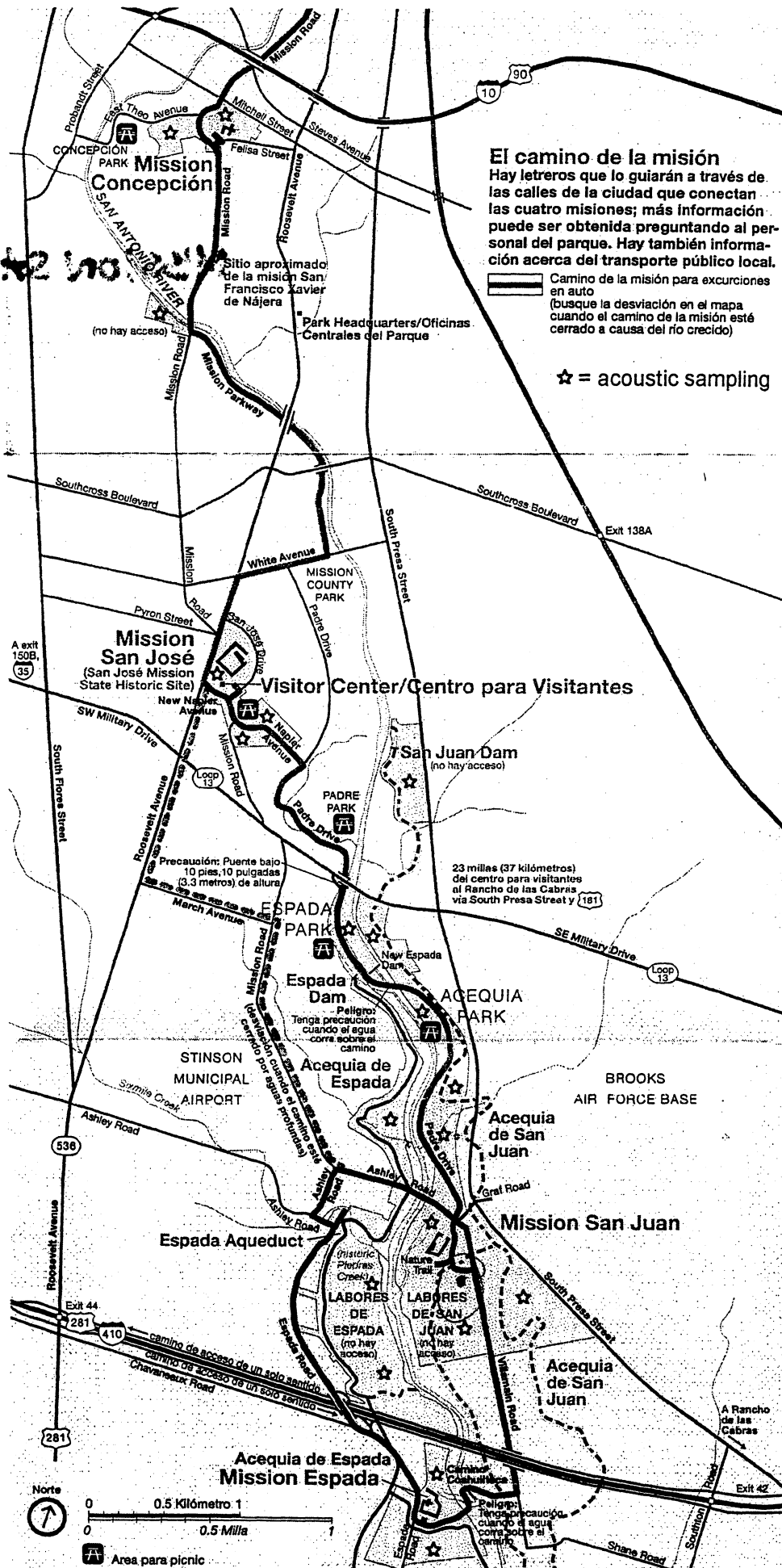
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| 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | 59 | | | | |
| | | | 28 | | | | |

30 MIN BREAK WHILE MIST NETTING.

(Signature)



San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

Surveyor: ANTON PAUL HASEK III

Date: 7 AUG 2002

Assistant Surveyors: HOLLY CAMERO

SURVEY LOCATION

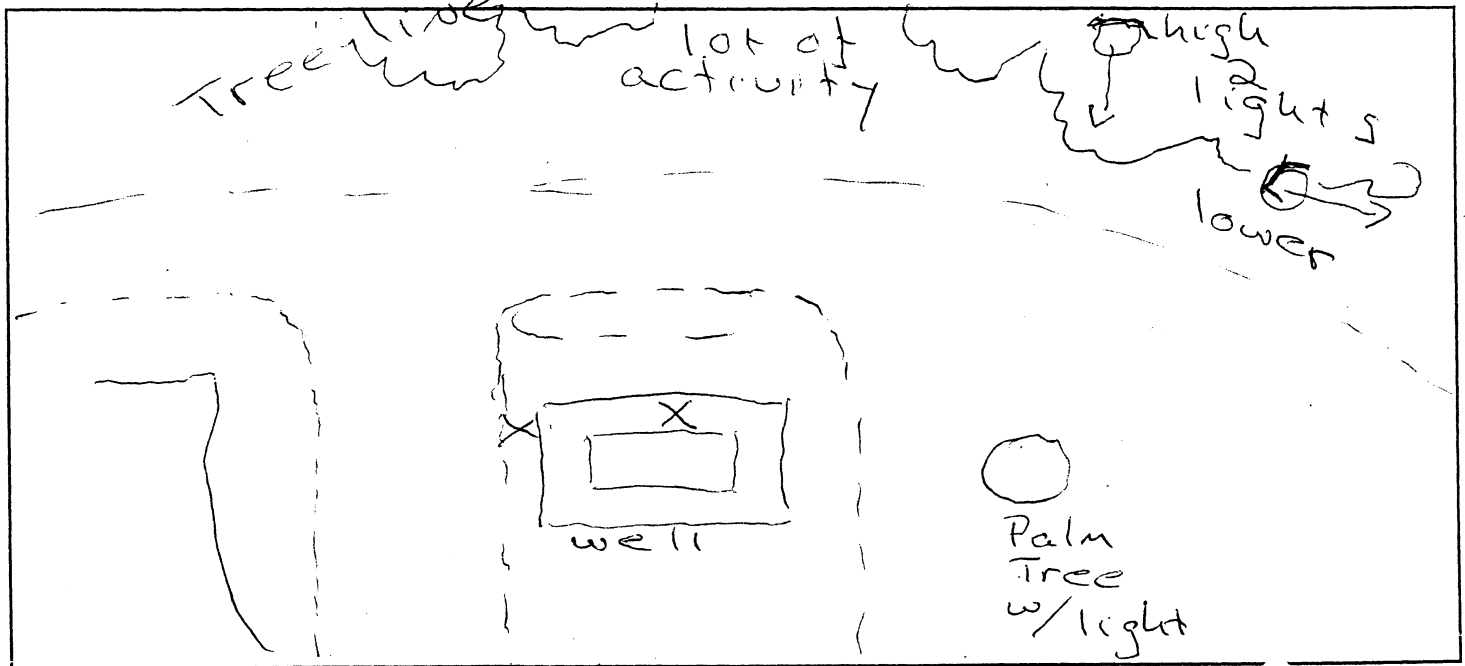
MISSION CONCEPCION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

90° @ nine PM new moon DRY

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:



GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone: 14

Northing: 0549372

Easting: 3251207

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

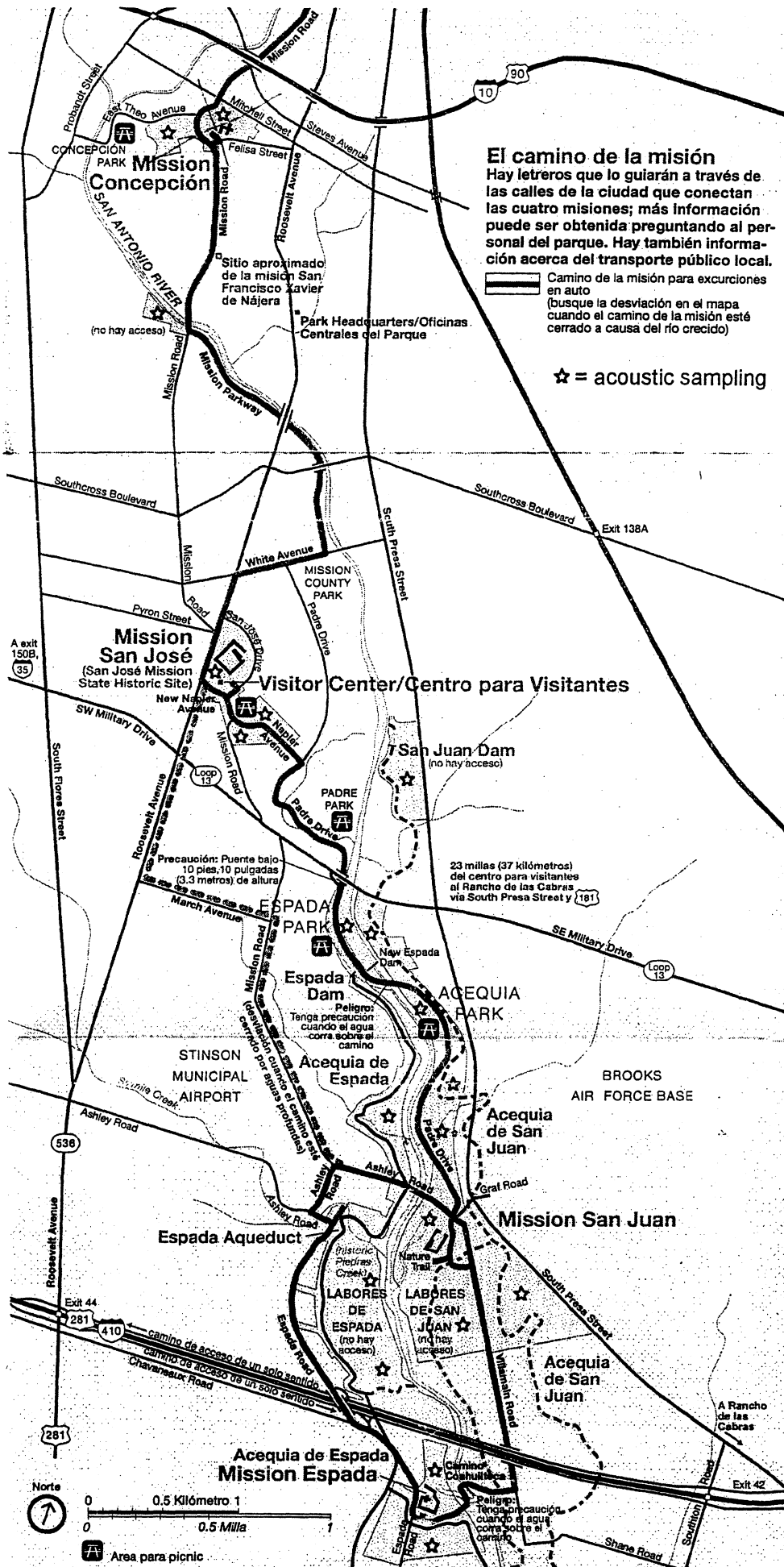
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DBO-5 HITS

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

| | 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bat Calls | | | 81 | 155 | 52 | 75 | | |
| Buzzes | | | 39 | (85) | 25 | 37 | | |

MANY BUZZES w/o ECHOS
MANY LIGHTS



San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

Surveyor:

David Gates

Date:

8/8/02

Assistant Surveyors:

SURVEY LOCATION

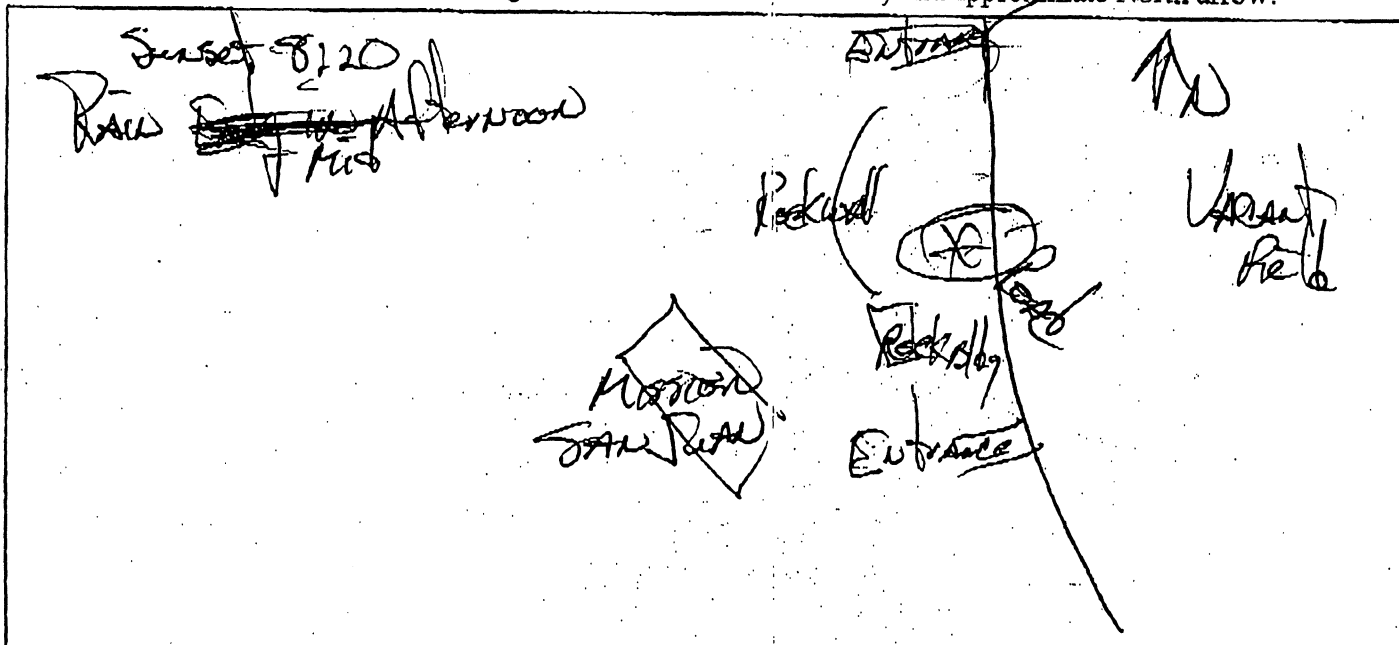
SAAN Unit (see map on back):

MISSION SAN JUAN

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

Along Road - by Cable Fence.

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:



GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

33.2 kHz

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

7:30-8:00

15

9:15-9:30

9:30-10:00

| 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <i>1</i> | <i> </i> | <i>11 Almost constant chirps 9:15-9:30 stopped for 10 min</i> | <i> </i> | <i> </i> | | |
| | | <i> </i> | <i> </i> | <i> </i> | | | |

FORE Bat Circle Upant Field, Dipping & turning 3 times

WAVE WAVE WAVE

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San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

Surveyor:

David Gates

Date:

8/15/08

Assistant Surveyors:

SURVEY LOCATION

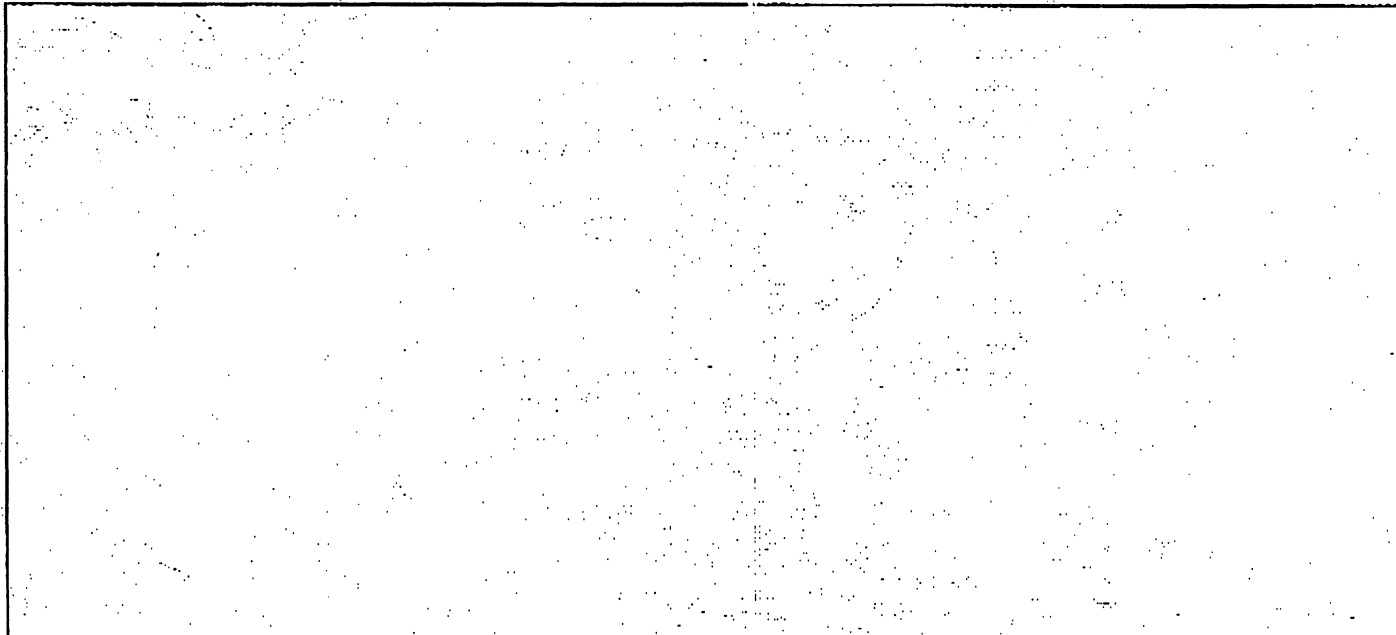
SAAN Unit (see map on back):

Mission Concepcion

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

1/2 Moon 8145 Clouds move SW

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:



GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

G-2

Parked in

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

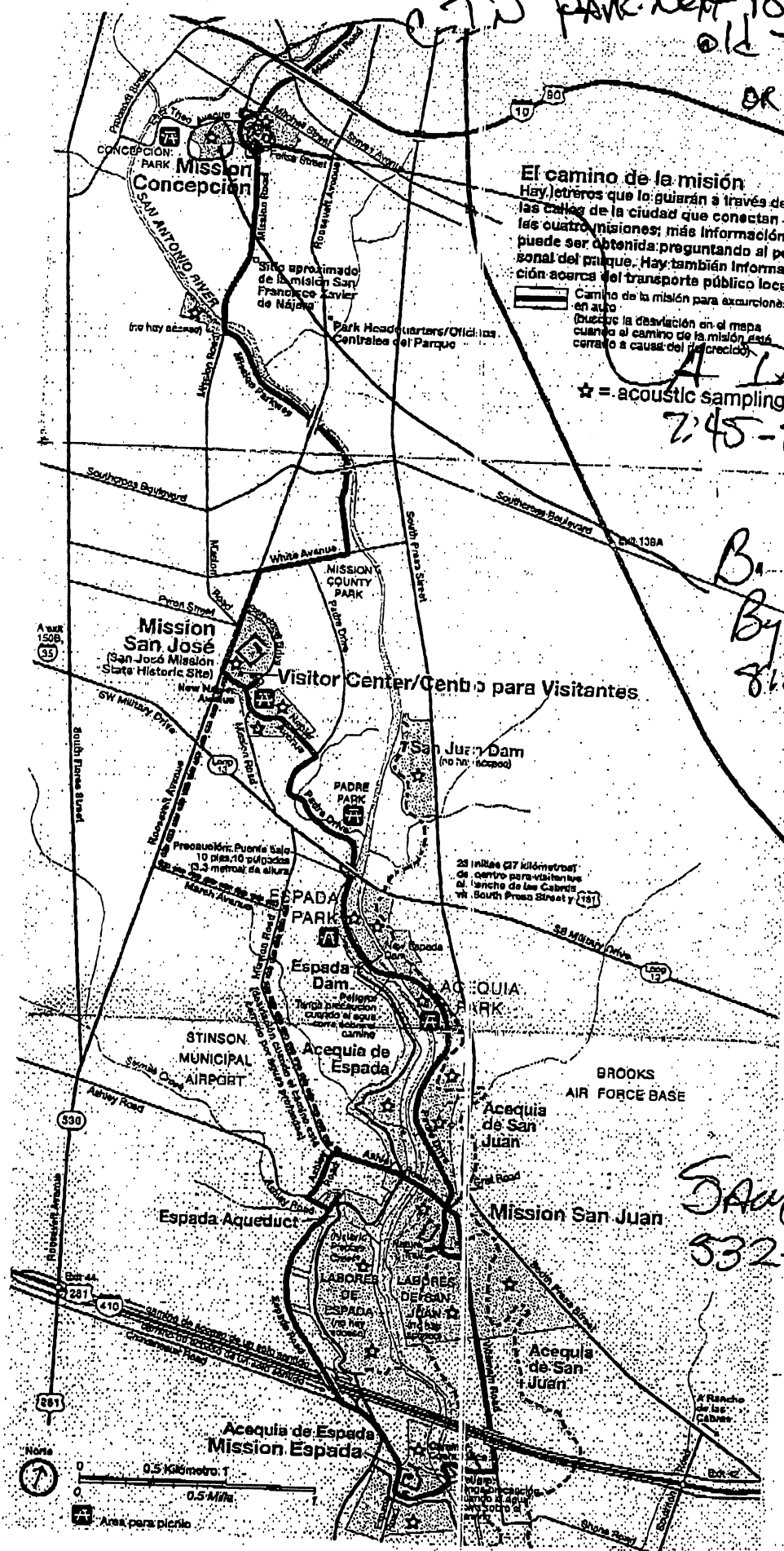
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|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bat Calls | 7:45- ⊙ Freq 50.9 | ⊙ | 1 | 11 | | Area Thrown Out | | |
| Feeding Buzzes | ⊙ | ⊙ | 1 | | | | | |

Feeding
Buzzes

10:00-10:30 10:30-11:00

8/15

CTN Park next to Chevrolet
old Tennis Court
OR Parking lot on
Grounds



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Camino de la misión para excursiones
en auto
Busque la desviación en el mapa
cuando el camino de la misión está
cerrado a causa del crecimiento.

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7:45-8:30 Freq 50.8

B. Vacant Fire
By Back Stop
8:30-Freq 42.4

San Salas
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San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

Surveyor: ANTON HASEK

Date: 17 AUG 02

Assistant Surveyors:

KATHY GAUDET

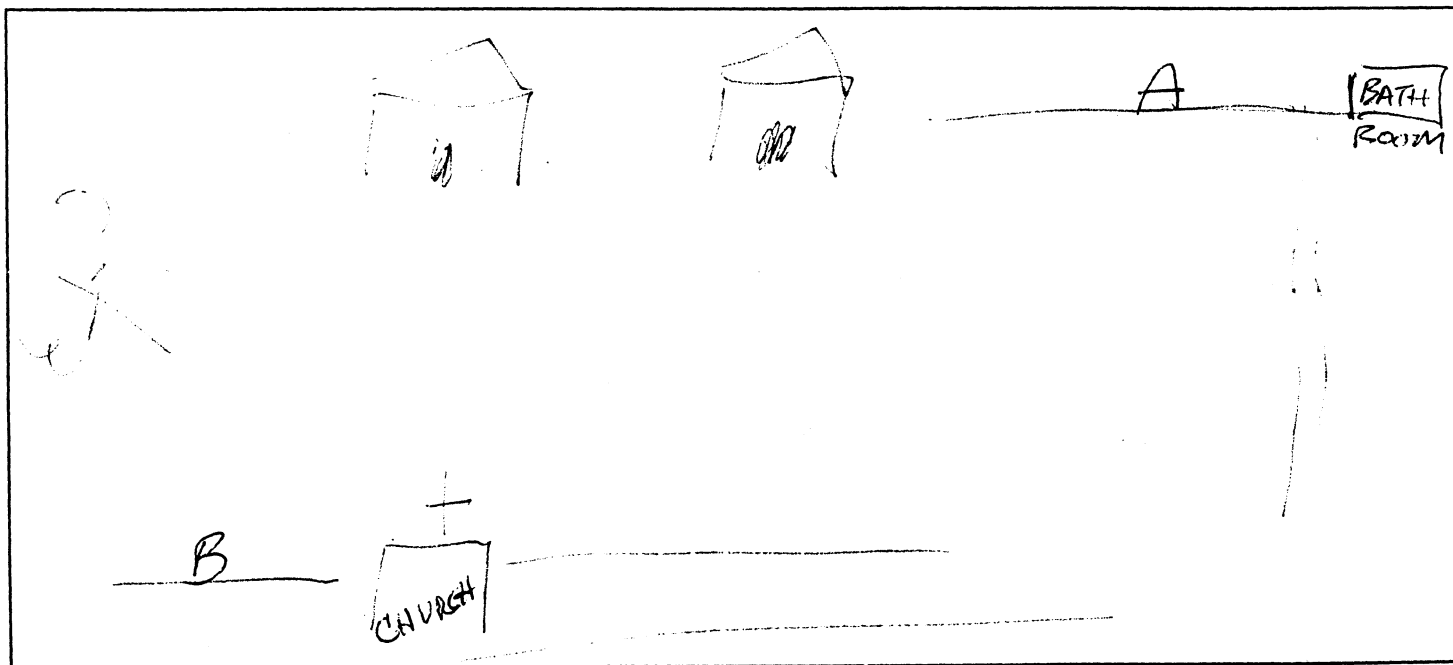
SURVEY LOCATION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

MISSION SAN JUAN LIGHT WIND 850 AT 9 PM

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:



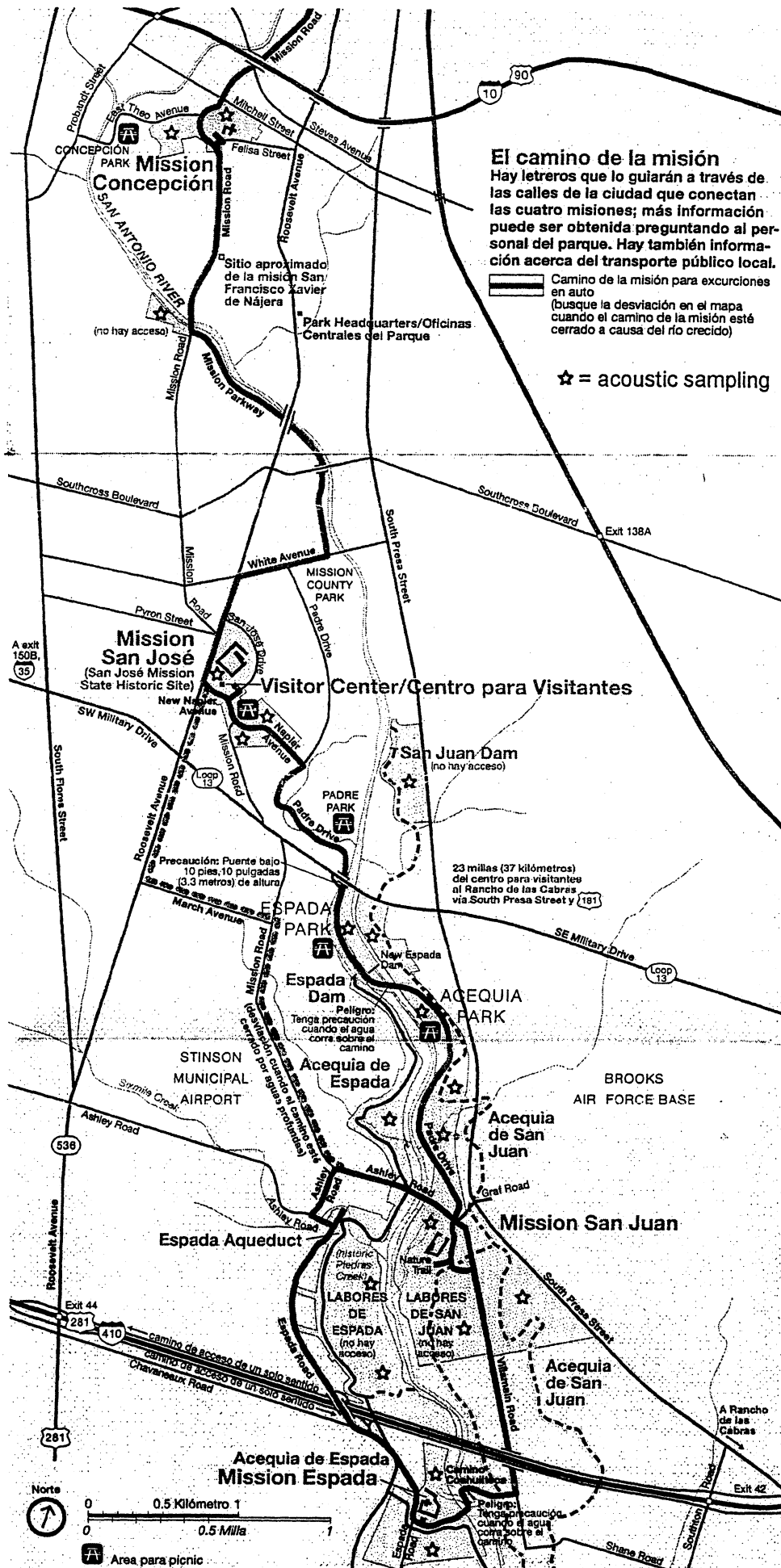
GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone: 14

Northing: 45529 ~~71~~ A Easting: 3244 ~~699~~ A
18 B 774 B

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

| | 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SOUTH | | | 29 | 25 | | | | |
| | | | 9 | 10 | | | | |



San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

Surveyor: **HAJEK, ANTON PAUL III**

Date: **21 Aug 2002**

Assistant Surveyors:

SURVEY LOCATION

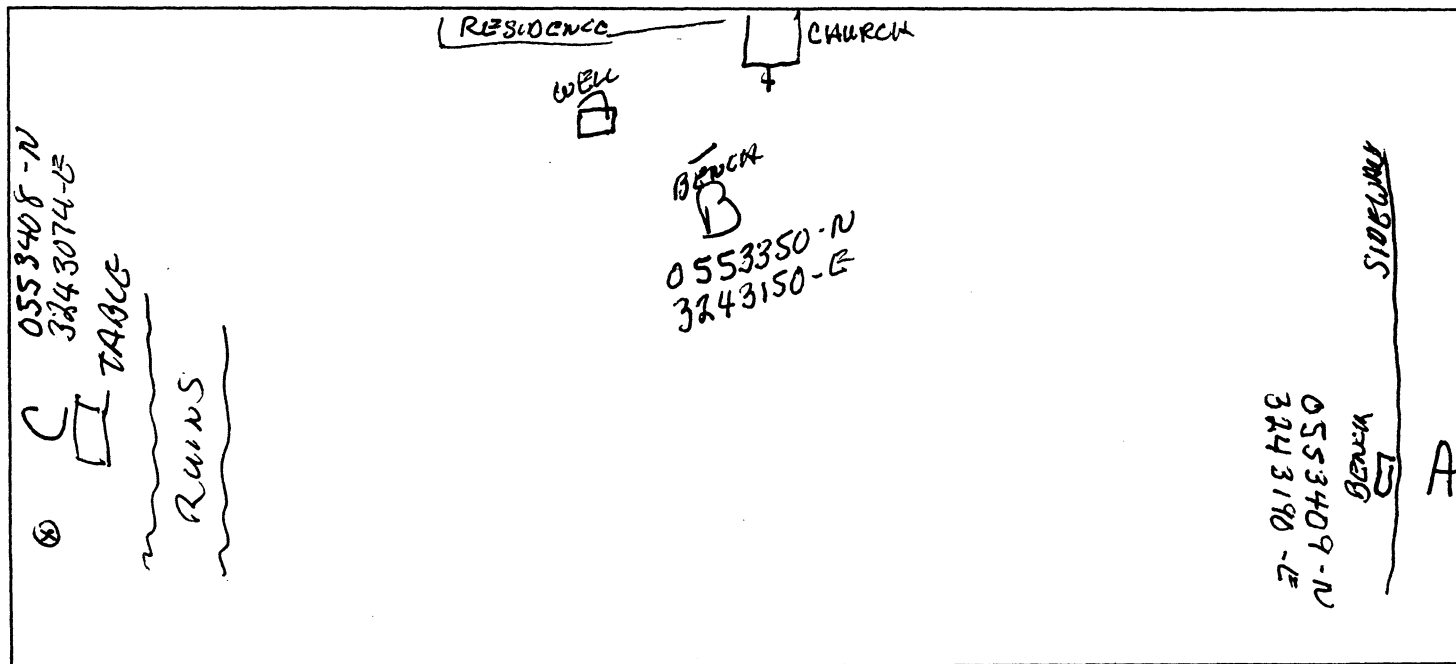
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SAAN Unit (see map on back):

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

LT WIND CLOUDS Full moon
85°/8:30 9:00 WINDS INCREASED, CLOUDY

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:



GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz): **HAJEK'S PERSONAL 40 KHZ**
0-200

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

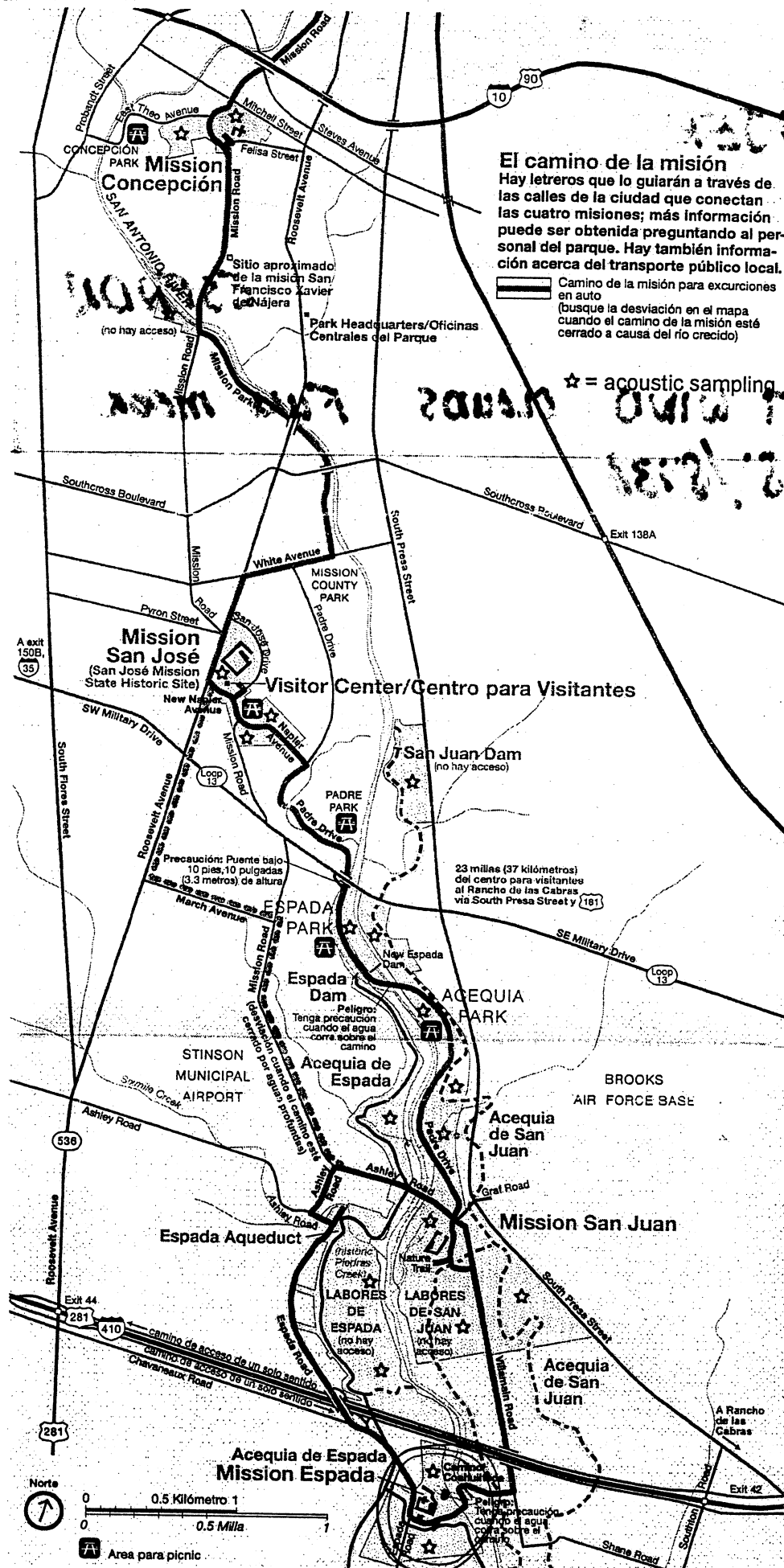
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| 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 2 | 44 | 17 | | | |
| | | 0 | 17 | 5 | | | |

A

B

C



Mission San Jose

San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

Surveyor:

David Gates

Date:

8/22/02

Assistant Surveyors:

Pruitt

SURVEY LOCATION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

San Jose 1910
 Partly Cloudy
 Temp 95°F @ Sundown

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:

Site A - on Street by Picnic Area 476 745-8:30
 Near A Street Light
 Site B - In Field About 25' off Road About 8:30-
 1/2 way between lights on map 34.6
 wind started to pick up
 out of SE. Moon rise 9:30? (Full?)

GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

Freq 47.6

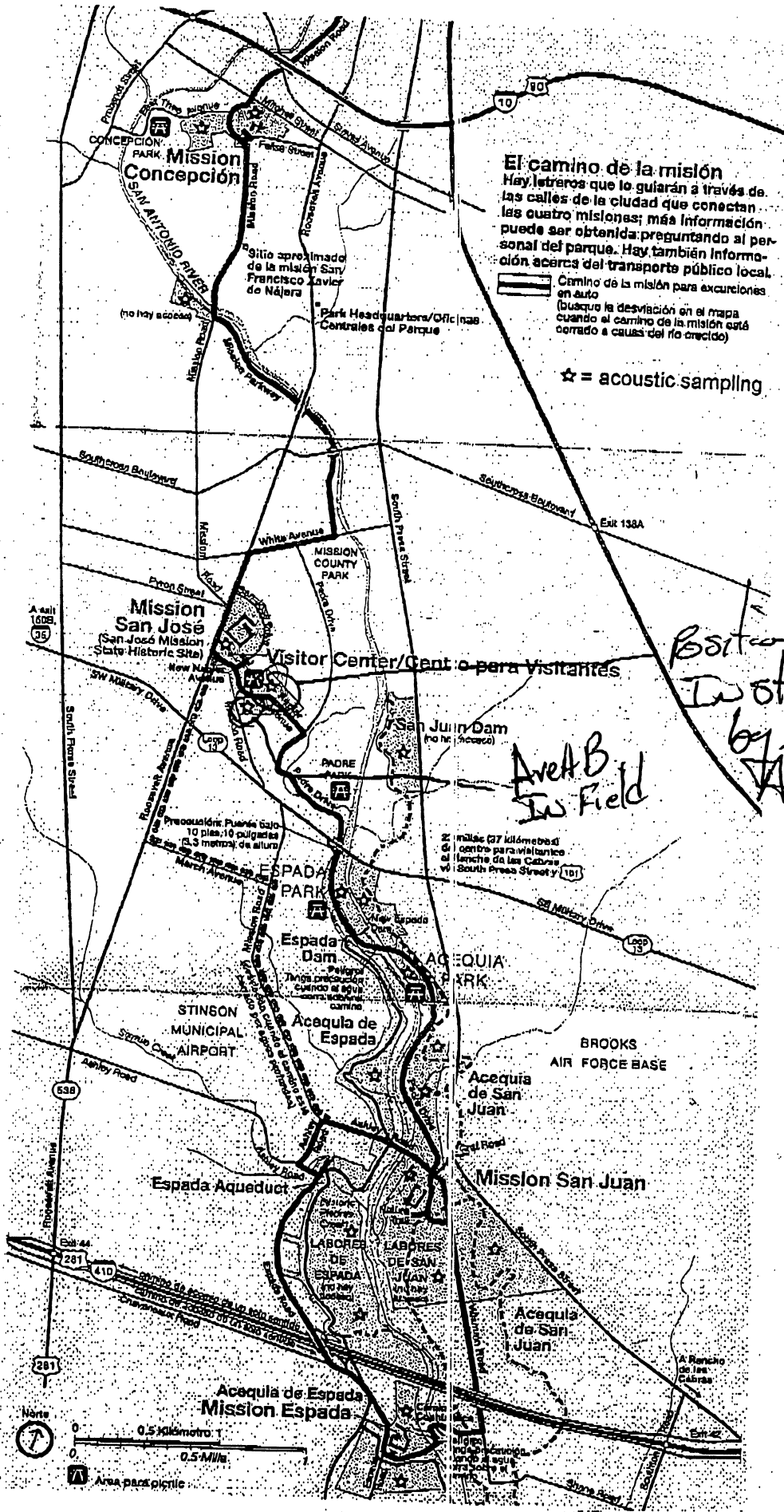
TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

| | 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bat Calls | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Recording Buzzes | | | | | | | | |

San Jose

Padre Park

8/22



Acoustic Ball Survey

Assistant Surveyors:

Date:

SURVEY LOCATION

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:

Position A - Started @ 7:30 Freq. 49.5 kHz then 47.4
7:30-8:30 In Ball field by Backstop Across Mission
from Church. Sun down @ 8:00 PM.
Position B - Moved @ 8:30 Freq. 36.7
8:30-9:00 In Field In front of Church. under 2 Mesquite trees
Position C - Sky Clear by 8:45
9:00-9:30 Walked Around Front of Church -
of office

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BATT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

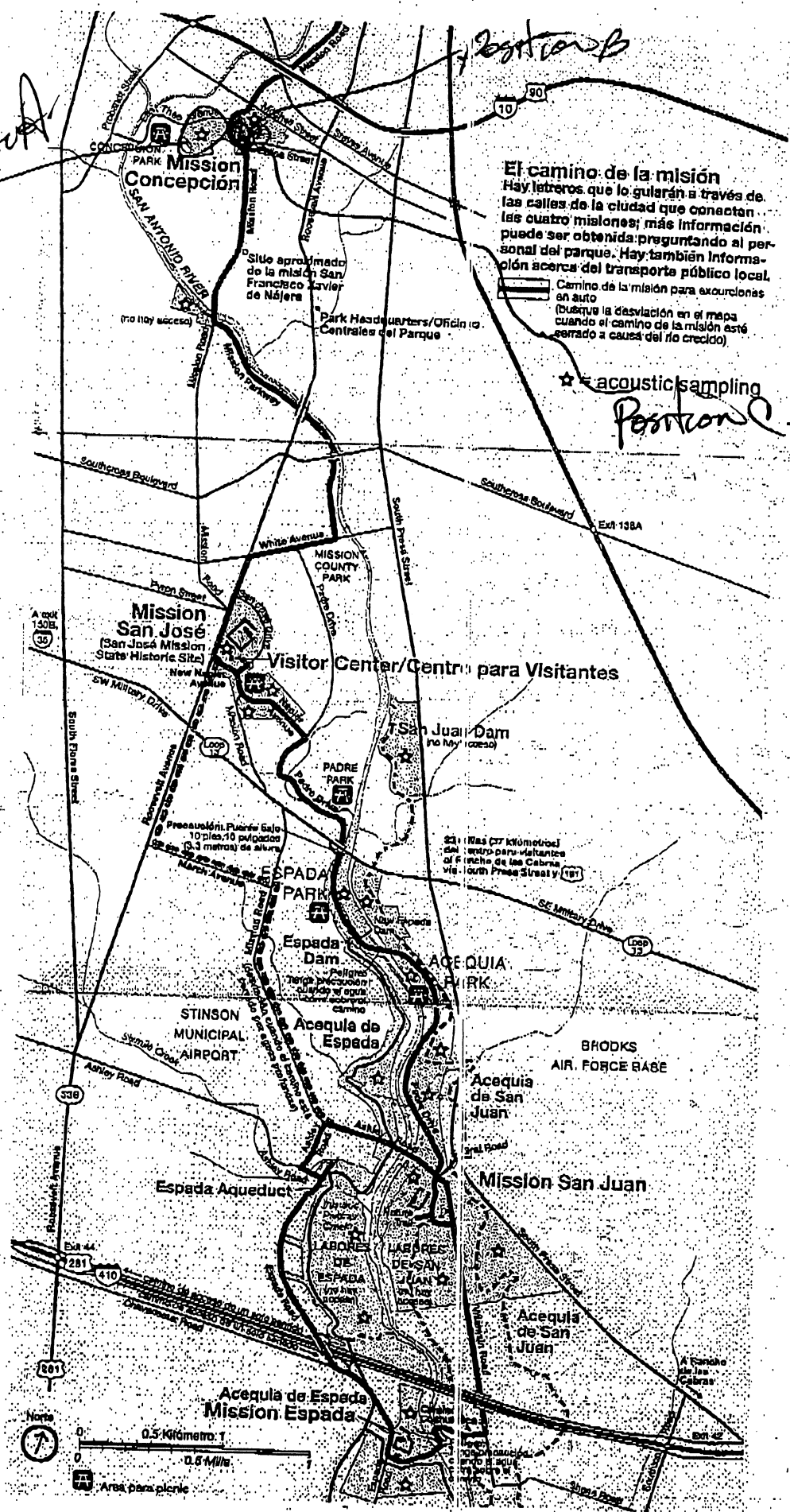
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Position A

Position B

Position C



El camino de la misión
 Hay letreros que lo guiarán a través de las calles de la ciudad que conectan las cuatro misiones; más información puede ser obtenida preguntando al personal del parque. Hay también información acerca del transporte público local.

Camino de la misión para excursiones en auto
 (Muestran la desviación en el mapa cuando el camino de la misión esté cerrado a causa del río crecido)

acoustic sampling

Mission San José
 (San José Mission State Historic Site)

Visitor Center/Centro para Visitantes

22.1 Mas (27 kilómetros) del centro para visitantes al Rancho de las Cebrias via South Padre Street y 169

BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE

Mission San Juan

Acequia de Espada Mission Espada



0 0.5 Kilómetro 1
 0 0.6 Miles

Area para picnic

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|------------|-----|
| Post-it* Fax Note | 7671 | Date | 9/2/02 | # of pages | 129 |
| To | Meg | From | DAVID GILES | | |
| Co./Dept | | Co. | | | |
| Phone # | | Phone # | | | |
| Fax # | 512-912-7055 | Fax # | 210-736-0825 | | |

s National Historic Park Bat Survey

9/5/02

Date: 9/5/02

Assistant Surveyor.

SURVEY LOCATION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

WARM Partly Cloudy. Sunset 7:50
No Moon -

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:

| | |
|--|---|
| Mission Espalda | |
| Position A - In Field South of Mission Grounds | |
| Freq. 47.9 7:30 - | |
| Freq 40.5 - 8:00 | |
| Position B - Just outside of wall due East of Church | |
| Freq 35.6 - 8:30 | 8:42 First sound |
| Freq 32.7 9:00 | Just started to pickup when I left @ 9:30 |

GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

| | | Freq 47.9 | 40.5 | 35.6 | 32.7 | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
| Feeding Buzzes | Bat Calls | | As of 8:40 Not pre Bat sound. CAN HEAR Insects. | TH | TH TH | | | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | Pos A. | Pos A | Pos B. | Pos B | | | | |

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Mission Concepción
Mission San José (San José Mission State Historic Site)
Mission Espada
Mission San Juan

Parks: MISSION COUNTY PARK, PADRE PARK, ESPADA PARK, ACEQUIA PARK, STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Landmarks: San Juan Dam, Espada Dam, Acoquia de Espada, Acoquia de San Juan, Espada Aqueduct, LABORES DE ESPADA, LABORES DE SAN JUAN.

Roads: Highway 80, Highway 10, Highway 781, Highway 538, Highway 291, Highway 410, Highway 42.

Other features: Park Headquarters/Oficinas Centrales del Parque, Visitor Center/Centro para Visitantes, Brooks Air Force Base, Rancho de las Cebrias.

Scale: 0 to 1 Kilómetro / 0 to 1 Mill.

Legend: Area para picnic.

Position
A

50911

San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

9/19/02

Surveyor:

DAVID GATES

Date:

9/19/02

Assistant Surveyors:

~~KARE~~ - Casey my Dog.

SURVEY LOCATION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

MISSION SAN JOSE

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc) so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

Rain this Afternoon -

Installed Sunset 7:45 Cloudy 85°
New Battery

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:

Position A - 7:30 - 8:00 Freq 37.4
Lots of Mosquitos Doet no protection

Position B - 8:00 - 8:30 Freq 35.1 / 35.0
Cloudy see lightning in Distance.

GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

Freq 37.4 TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

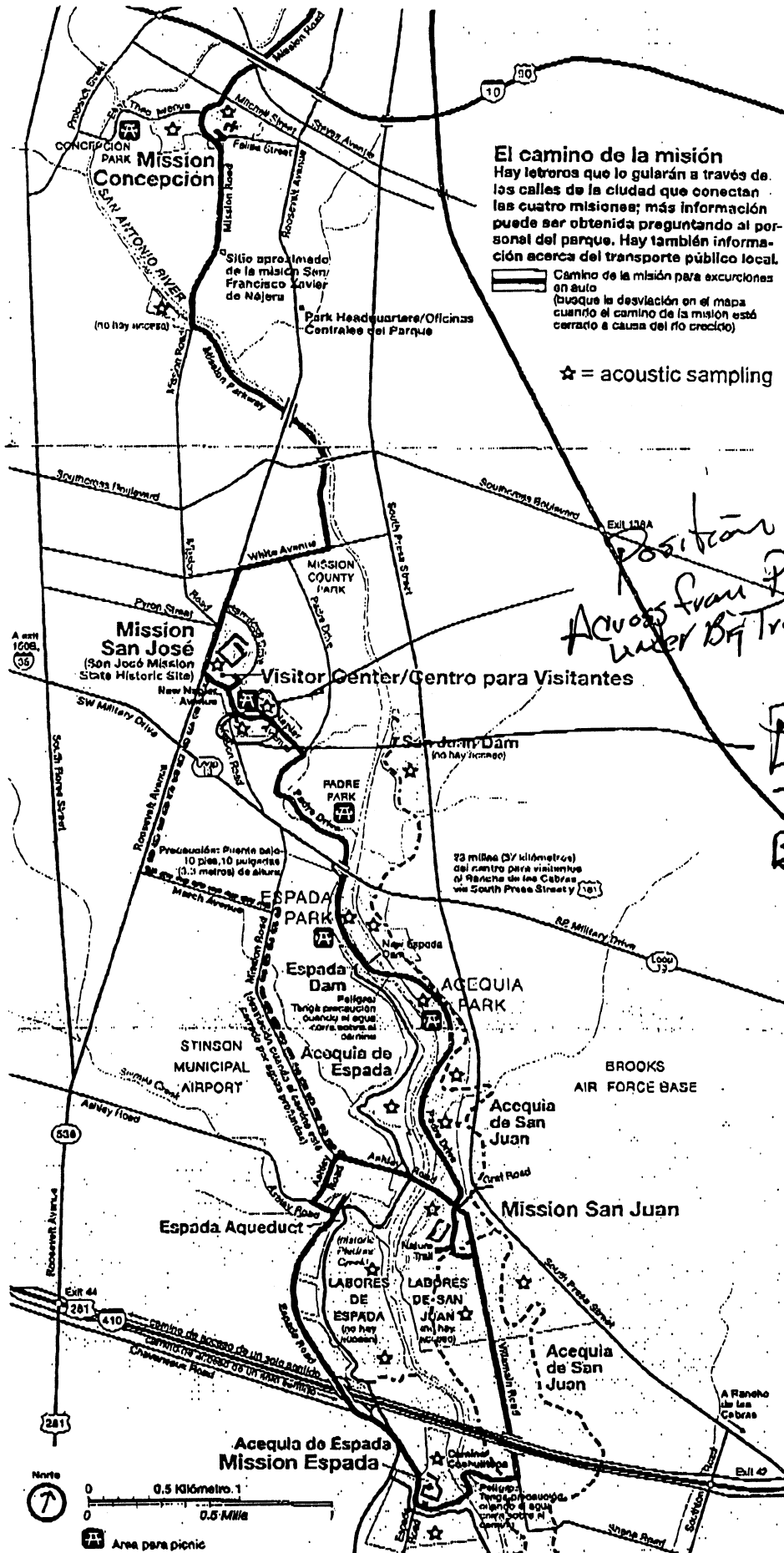
| | 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bat Calls | None. | II | III III III III I | | | | | |
| Feeding Buzzes | | | III | | | | | |

Pos A

Pos B

Pos B

9/19/02



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San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

9/26/02

Surveyor: David Gates

Date: 9/26/02

Assistant Surveyors: Casey
my dog

SURVEY LOCATION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

MISSION SAN JUAN

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

Sundown ~ 7:30

Temp - 80°

sky clear

~~Lots of Fireflies~~

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:

Position A: 7:45-8:30 Frog 36.0 Two Distinct Calls!!
 Lots of Fireflies
 8:10 everything stopped start again 8:17
 Position B - 8:30- Frog 36.0
 Lots of Lights
 by Church.

GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

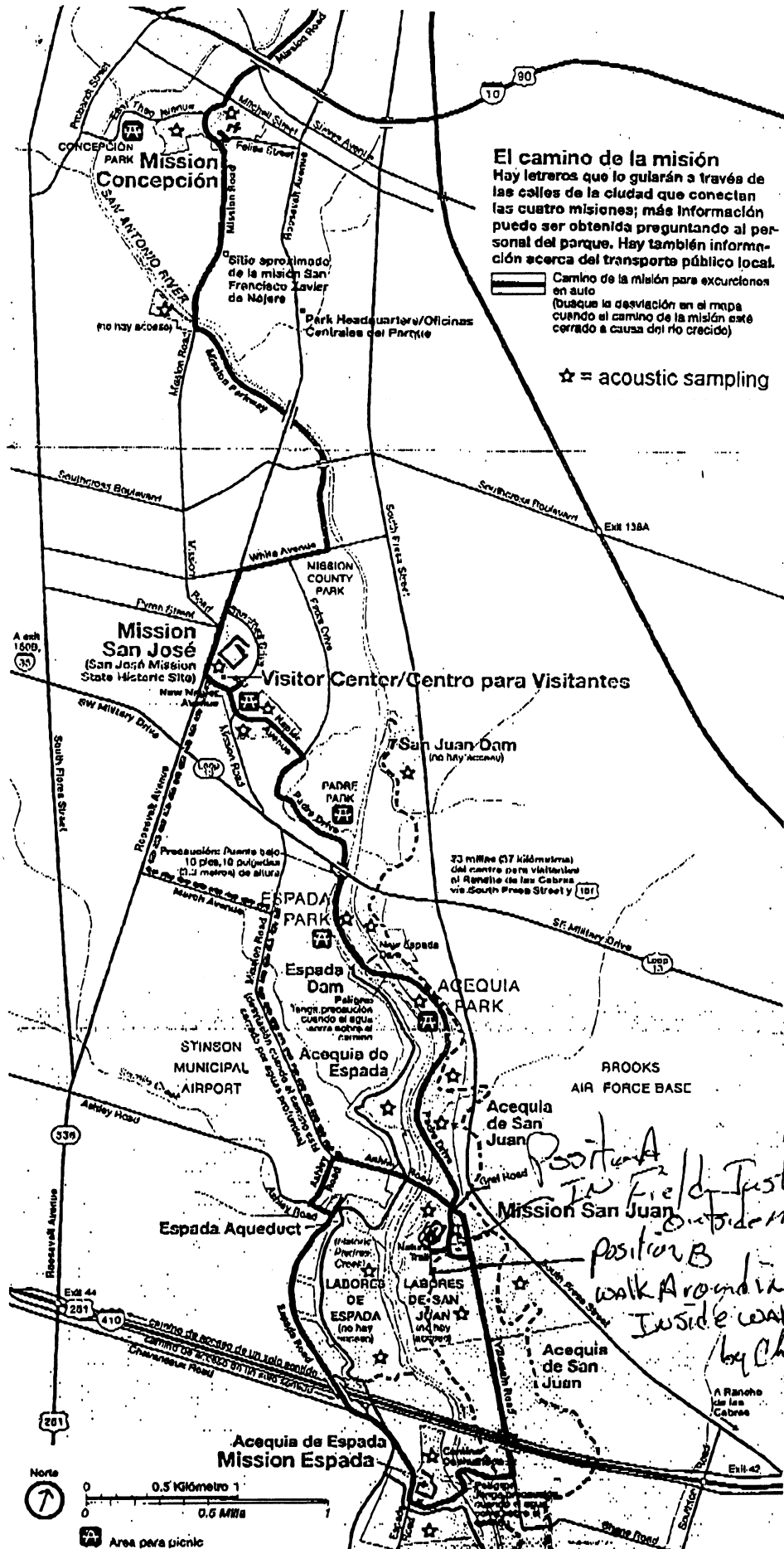
Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

Frog 36.0 TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use tally)

| | 7:45-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Feeding Bat Calls | | | | | | | | |
| Buzzes | 1 | | | | | | | |

POA

9/26/02



San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

Acoustic Bat Survey

10/22/02

Surveyor:

David Gates

Date:

10/22/02

Assistant Surveyors:

None

SURVEY LOCATION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

MISSION SAN JOSE

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

Sunset 7:00
 Rain Last Night & this morning Full moon yesterday?
 Clear This Afternoon - Clouds Moving IN @ 5:00

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:

Position A. Freq 35.5 6:30 - 7:30
 Partly cloudy waning Gibbous.
 Lots of Mosquitoes

Position B. Freq - 33.6 7:30 - 8:30
 Moon Rises @ 10:05

Position C. Freq - 35.0 8:30 -

GPS coordinates (NAD 27): Zone:

Northing:

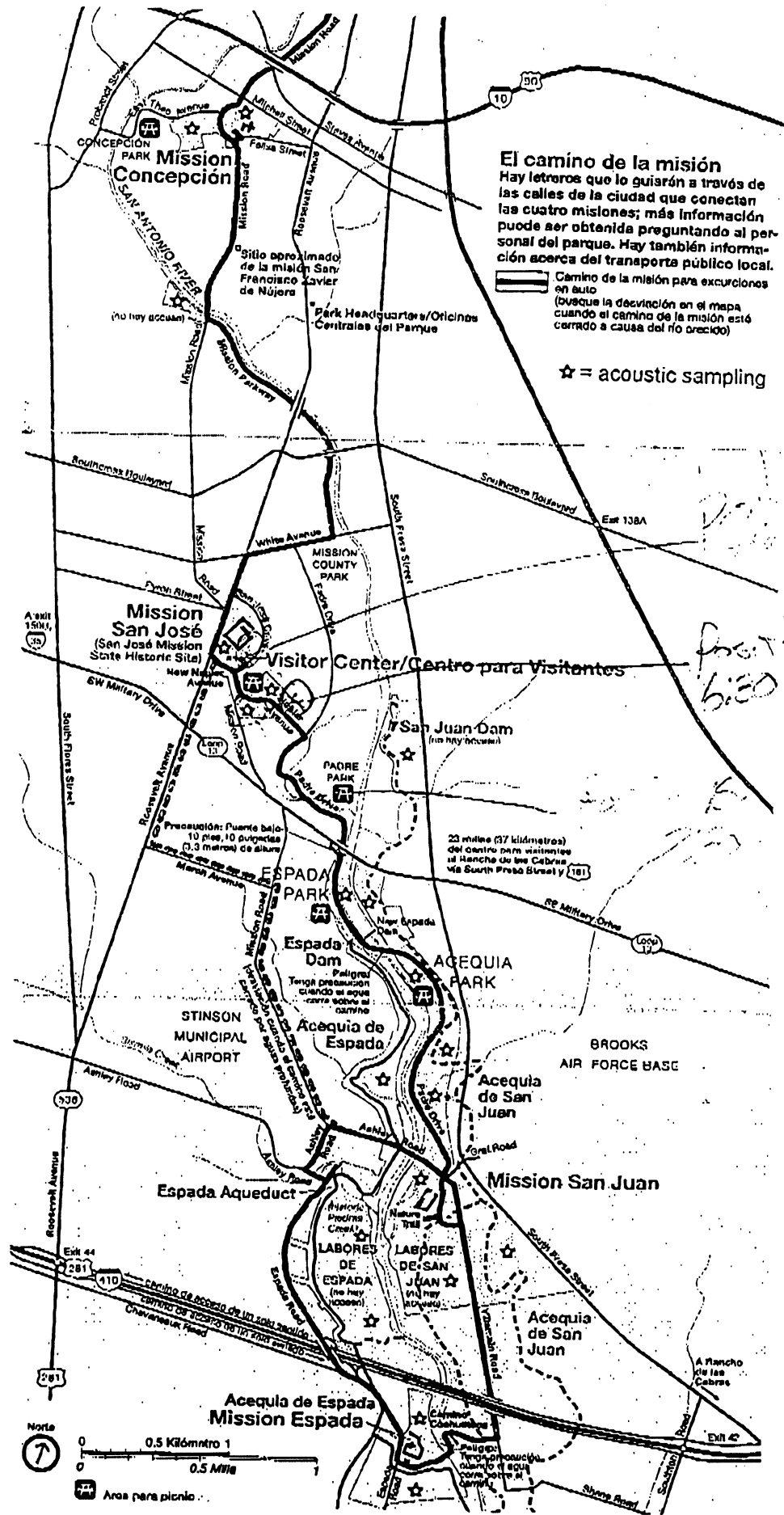
Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

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| | 6:30-7:30 | 7:30-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Feeding Burzes | | | | | | | | |
| Bat Calls | | | | | | | | |

10/22/02



Acoustic Bat Survey Protocol for the San Antonio Missions Bat Inventory Project

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Acoustic Bat Survey

Surveyor:

Date:

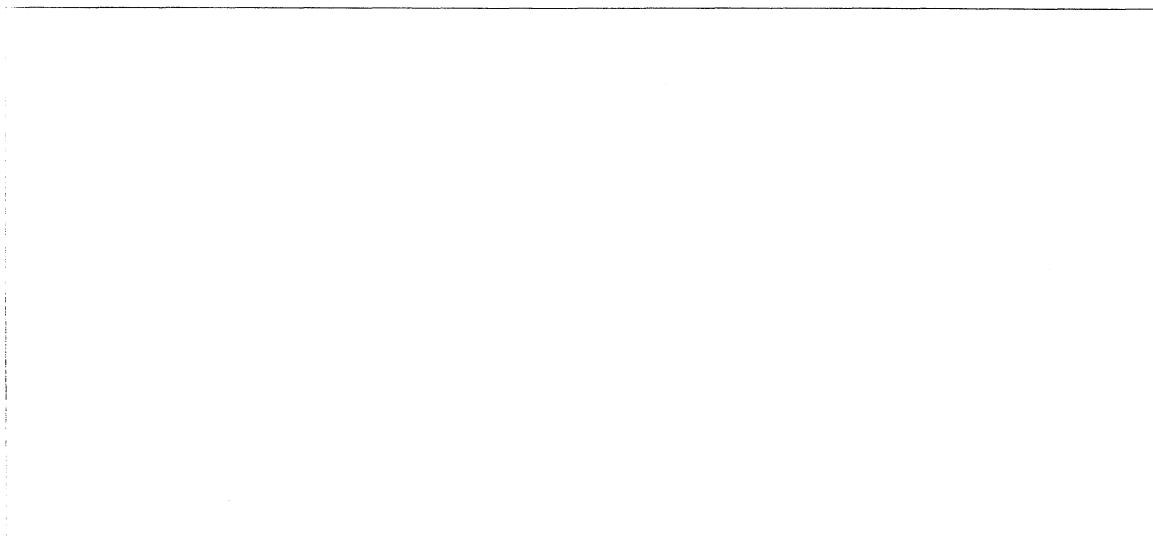
Assistant Surveyors:

SURVEY LOCATION

SAAN Unit (see map on back):

Description of location within area surveyed (include distances and directions to landmarks such as streets, gates, waterways, buildings, trees, etc. so that others may find this exact spot in the future):

Sketch map of survey location, including labeled landmarks (as above) and approximate North arrow:



GPS coordinates (NAD27):

Zone:

Northing:

Easting:

Bat detector used (set frequency to 30-35 kHz):

TIME PERIODS AND NUMBERS OF BAT CALLS RECORDED (use ||| tally)

| | 7:30-8:00 | 8:00-8:30 | 8:30-9:00 | 9:00-9:30 | 9:30-10:00 | 10:00-10:30 | 10:30-11:00 | 11:00-11:30 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| bat calls | | | | | | | | |
| feeding buzzes | | | | | | | | |

